

## Yanks' Attack at Some Points Stops Nazi Drive Into Belgium

WASHINGTON.—With relentless fury the Germans have continued the drive against the Yanks begun last week. Despite heavy air attacks and continued pressure on their flanks they have advanced at least 50 miles from the Reich frontier into France and Belgium, striking toward the Meuse river and in the south toward Sedan, scene of terrific battles in World War I.

Early in the week two Nazi prongs, pushing northeast and southeast, were slowed by the stiffened American defenses. At mid-week the advance was resumed, despite all the resistance which could be mastered, and the two advancing forces were joined, giving the enemy a solid 35-mile assault front across Belgium.

Strong Yank attacks at several points in Belgium checked the German advance.

Units of Patton's Third Army, hammering at the southern flank, has carved out a bulge in the Chateau-Mont vicinity. A force battling to the relief of several thousand Yanks trapped at Bastogne made contact and relieved the beleaguered troops. Fleets of C-47 cargo planes have

dropped supplies to the troops in the Bastogne area.

Military leaders believe that the German high command has decided to risk the heart of its army in the offense. If the attempt to reach Namur or Liege and establish a new line there fails the German army

will be in the same crippled condition it was after the similar attempt to drive to Paris in 1918. However, the German attack has revealed reserves and resources it was not believed were in existence, evidence that these were being built up during the Allied attacks on the

(See "German," page 16)

## New Service Awards for Assault Soldiers

WASHINGTON.—A new service award for Army personnel who participate in a combat parachute jump, combat glider landing, or initial assault landing on a hostile shore is announced by the War Department.

The device is a bronze Indian arrowhead one-quarter inch high. It will be worn in a vertical position with the point upward on the theater service ribbon which indicates the area in which it was earned. Only one arrowhead will be worn on any theater ribbon.

To qualify for the award officers or enlisted men must make a parachute jump or glider landing in enemy-held territory as a member of a force carrying out an assigned mission, or take part in the assault waves of an amphibious landing on

enemy-held shores. Commanders of organizations engaging in assaults of this nature will forward recommendations to the theater commander as soon as practicable after the action has taken place.

The arrow head will be awarded to all personnel who have taken part in any such operation since the start of the war. In order to determine which units in their commands have eligible personnel, theater commanders will review all operations since Dec. 7, 1941.

Any eligible individual who is no longer a member of the organization with which the award was earned may obtain an arrowhead by submitting an affidavit to his present commanding officer. Persons who are no longer in the Army should submit an affidavit to any post or camp commander.

## Corpses Tell Grim Tale of Nazi Cruelty

NEW YORK.—Stories of German atrocities against American soldiers are being reported out of France by radio.

CBS recorded a broadcast giving the following details of 40 corpses being found in a forest of the Poliers region of France:

"The corpses were exhumed and investigators are trying to establish the victims' identities. It is believed they are Canadians and Americans.

"Only a few still had shreds of material on them before being knocked down. They had been brutally tortured by the Germans. The doctor who performed the autopsy found traces of terrible atrocity. Two corpses, for instance, had their spines broken. Another one had a piece of wood pressed down his throat. Another victim evidently was thrown into the grave alive and his shriveled hands pressed against his mouth betray a desperate struggle against suffocation."

## GF Casualties in Europe Since D-Day Are 258,124

WASHINGTON.—The War Department announced this week that the total casualties to United States ground forces in France, Germany and the low countries from June 6 to December 1 were 258,124. This represented a total of 57,775 casualties during November.

Broken into categories the casualties show:

Killed—44,143.

Wounded—189,118.

Missing—24,863.

The War Department reported that 800,000 German prisoners have been captured by Allied forces on the Western front since D-Day.

A French army spokesman, summing up German casualties for the six months following D-Day, estimated that the German losses in killed, wounded and captured in Western Europe had been 1,150,000. In the same period the German casualties on the Russian fronts were estimated to be 1,050,000, and in Italy, 300,000.

## Frills Out in Training Plans

WASHINGTON.—"America probably will be the initial objective of the aggressors in any next war and the first engagements of that war will quite possibly be fought in our own homeland," the War Department warned in reiterating its stand for strictly military universal training for purely military purposes in the peace years ahead.

The War Department's stand is in contrast to that taken by President Roosevelt, who has suggested training also in educational and social aspects, patterned somewhat after the prewar Civilian Conservation Corps.

In a circular distributed to officers the War Department said the belief that the sole reason for universal military training is national defense represents the considered and unqualified opinion of all the foremost military leaders of the nation today.

### Absolutely Essential

It called universal military training absolutely essential in any practicable plan that can be considered adequate to insure the future security of the country.

The stand was also taken that the only alternative to one year of training would be the maintenance of a huge standing Army and National Guard capable of waging war for a year.

"If we devote less than a year to the training of the men," said the circular, "we shall be guilty of sending those men to battle without an average chance of survival and success."

Questioned at a press conference

## Insigne Is Approved for Army Generals

WASHINGTON.—The insignie, approved by the War Department, to be worn by a General of the Army, is as follows:

"Five silver five-pointed stars, each star 3/8 inch in diameter, fastened together in a circle, the inner points touching. The surface of the stars to be plain, raised, and rounded."

as to his ideas on universal training, the President expressed hope that the new Congress would enact a compulsory one-year training law, said that the degree of training would be up to the legislators; commented that there are lots of things a boy could do for his country; that there are different ideas on what constitutes military training; that cooking might be military training or might not, and so might carpentry.

When bills have been introduced in the new Congress and hearings are conducted on the proposed legislation by House and Senate committees, War Department will contend, "There will be no place in a sound universal military training program for activities that are non-essential to the task of preparing our young men for combat."

## Goal Smashed in Bond Drive

WASHINGTON.—The Sixth War Loan drive went over the top with a bang—investors buying \$20,360,000 worth of the securities. The goal was \$14,000,000,000.

Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., also reported that the \$5,000,000,000 quota for individual bond buyers had been achieved.

Total sales are expected to mount even higher as late tabulations are made.

## Army Casualties Total 547,823

WASHINGTON.—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson on Thursday announced that Army casualties through Dec. 14 totaled 547,823. Broken into categories, these included:

Killed	102,961
Wounded	319,935
Missing	65,762
Prisoners	59,165

Mr. Stimson stated the figures did not include casualties in the current German offensive on the Western front, which started Dec. 16.

## Get Miles of Food

CAMP BLANDING, Fla. — There was a pound of turkey for every GI in Camp Blanding on Christmas day, but even after a turkey dinner with all the trimmings a GI had to eat supper. So, at this Infantry Replacement Training Center there were 334 miles of food served — in other words, 1,764,000 feet of spaghetti.



—Signal Corps Photo

INFANTRYMEN of the First Army silently move through the snow-covered Krinkelter Woods in Belgium on their way to make contact with the enemy.

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**BEGRIMED** after days of front-line combat, Sgt. John H. Parks, of Mill Creek, Ind., arrives at a behind-the-lines area in France after his outfit is relieved.

## 28,481 Years in Prison for Draft Dodgers

WASHINGTON.—G. Edgar Hoover, chief of the G-Men, has made public the fact that since 1940, 11,000 draft dodgers and their accomplices have been arrested by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with courts imposing prison sentences totaling 28,481 years and fines aggregating \$1,006,862.

FBI records show that not all convicted draft dodgers were city slickers. Many were country bumpkins and in-betweeners.

In trying to evade service, one reported his own death to Selective Service; one had had six teeth removed by three different dentists; two "committed suicide," but swam ashore from an overturned boat; one was scared from his woods hiding place by rattlesnakes.

Ironically, some were found physically unfit for service, but were "prison-sound."

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WASHINGTON.—With issuance of regulations governing the guaranty of business loans, announced last week by ARMY TIMES, all provisions of the GI Bill of Rights for home loans, farm loans and business loans have now been implemented and are available to eligible veterans, says Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, administrator of Veterans' Affairs.

The regulations covering these business-loan guaranties are basically very much the same as those for home and farm loans, with the maximum amount of guaranty for any one person \$2000, with the interest charged not to exceed 4 per cent.

The law further provides that: 1—The proceeds of the loan will be used by the veteran to purchase real or personal property to be used by him in pursuit of a gainful occupation; 2—Such property will be useful in and reasonably necessary to such

occupation;

3—The ability and experience of the veteran and the conditions surrounding the project are such that there is a reasonable likelihood of success;

4—The purchase price does not exceed a reasonable normal value as determined by proper appraisal.

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# Engineering College Courses Favored by AAF Combat Vets

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Twenty out of every 100 AAF combat veterans who come to the AAF Redistribution Station No. 1 here to get a new assignment, seek postwar high-school and college education information from the station's education office. And a majority of that 20 are interested in engineering, particularly aeronautical engineering.

The engineering hopefuls are advised, says Lt. Milton T. Follen, education officer, that it might be wiser to first take a three-year mechanical engineering course and then to make the relatively easy transition into aeronautics if they are still so inclined.

In every instance, he pointed out, these combat veterans, officers and enlisted men, are given guidance because that is what they want; they are never discouraged from launching on their education program.

Next to engineering and mechanics, business administration and business course studies are most popular in the postwar plans of AAF returnees. Photography also enjoys considerable appeal.

Vocational advice is frequently sought. Many hope to be licensed airplane mechanics, a vocation for which their AAF training obviously gives them an excellent start.

Over 30 percent of the veterans who ask for educational guidance want to start their courses immediately, while still in the service. Usually they sign up with the Armed Forces Institute either because they do not have a high-

school diploma or because they want to brush up on certain subjects—most often mathematics—before going to college.

These veterans are made fully aware of the importance of first-year grades at the colleges they choose. For if they fail to measure up to specific college standards, they stand to lose the three succeeding years of training at government expense.



—Signal Corps Photo

SHELTER behind a tank is sought by these American Infantrymen as German shells scream overhead. In the background can be seen the ruins of the town of Gelch, Germany.

## 24 States Ready to Spend 823 Millions

CHICAGO.—Twenty-four States have plans completed to start the ball rolling on postwar public works projects involving expenditure of more than 823 million dollars as soon as manpower and materials are available.

The Council of State Governments announced these 24 States had completed their surveys. All States have been asked to compile data as to postwar planning activities, and it is expected full information will be available early in the new year.

In addition to the projects tabbed

as "ready to go," the 24 States reported they had postwar construction projects in the design, preliminary preparation or idea state, estimated to cost \$3,917,453,000.

The figures are exclusive of postwar highway construction. Ten of the 24 States also reported highway construction plans calling for expenditures totaling \$759,500,000.

### Legion of Merit for D-Day Prognosticator

LONDON.—His part in deciding which date was to be D-Day has brought the Legion of Merit to Col. Donald Yates, Bangor, Me., weather forecaster.

"The value of his advice since has been proved," the citation read, "as the day selected for the Continental assault probably was the only day during the month of June on which the operation could have been launched."

### Maj. Adler Retires

FORT LEWIS, Wash. — After more than three years' service in the Alaska Department, during which he commanded an Infantry company with the greatest percentage of Eskimo and Indian troops, Maj. Don Adler has retired from active duty.

## Steal Army Supplies in Al Capone Style

PARIS.—Thousands of gallons of American gasoline designed to mount the mechanized attack on the fronts are being stolen daily and channeled into French black markets.

Col. E. G. Buhrmaster, provost marshal of the Seine base section, said "This place is getting to be like Chicago in the days of Al Capone."

Cigarets and post exchange supplies have been stolen in car-load lots, mostly by American soldiers, and sold at fantastic prices.

### Given Life Sentences

Two American enlisted men were sentenced to life imprisonment in November for selling government property on the black market. A French civilian, also involved, was let off with a fine. Protests by the American military brought the de-

cision of the French government to punish future offenders by a French military tribunal.

Although the losses are huge, officers say that they are not affecting the war in Belgium and Luxembourg.

In just one detention barracks in Paris there are 1308 Americans under arrest. More than half of them are charged with misappropriation of government property.

### Sell Trainload of Fags

Also detained are 181 enlisted men and three officers, charged with selling a trainload of cigarettes, soap and other supplies to the black market. They were members of two battalions operating a railroad.

This group sent over \$200,000 in post office money orders back home. Every one of the men had between \$5000 and \$6000 on him when arrested.

The colonel said the men hijack trucks right off the road. He said they drive a car between the last couple of trucks in a convoy, stick a gun in the driver's belly and tell him to vamoose.

One major, said the colonel, had sent home \$36,000 in a short time.

## Solon Says: Front Troops News-Starved

WASHINGTON.—The House Military committee shortly will launch a pointed probe into charges of a "complete blackout of news to American fighting men abroad."

Rep. Brooks, of Louisiana, committee member, made the charge after returning from a four weeks' tour of the European battlefronts.

We said that the troops are not getting enough news of the rest of the world and that most of what they do get is old.

The French edition of Stars and Stripes, he said, gave very little news and what it did publish was highly colored. The British Union Jack, counterpart of Stars and Stripes, was commended by the legislator for publishing considerable news of the United Kingdom.

Brooks said the next Congress would set out to learn whether the blackout responsibility lay in this country or abroad.

## Lying Claims Lead High Nazi to Quit

WITH U. S. FORCES ON THE WESTERN FRONT.—A high-ranking commander of German parachute troops surrendered to the Allies because he said Nazi parachute operations in the current of offensive had been badly planned.

## Army Hostesses Run Clubs for Troops Overseas

WASHINGTON.—The first contingent of U. S. Army hostesses ever to be sent to an active theater of war has arrived in Paris and Brussels, the War Department announces.

With an equal number of British Army hostesses, the American women are operating recreation clubs for enlisted troops of all allied nations at the internationally famous Grand Hotel in Paris, and the Metropole Hotel in Brussels.

The off-duty recreational clubs are to be run jointly by British and American military authorities.

Special Services Division, Army Service Forces, responded to a requisition for 16 hostesses, to match an equal number of British hostesses, by selecting previously qualified hostesses at service clubs at posts, camps and stations in the United States. They were processed in record time and the first group of 13 hostesses have reported for duty in the European Theater.

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The APA dedicated itself to the exchange of papers and interchange of ideas from which it is hoped that all the publications may achieve even better results.

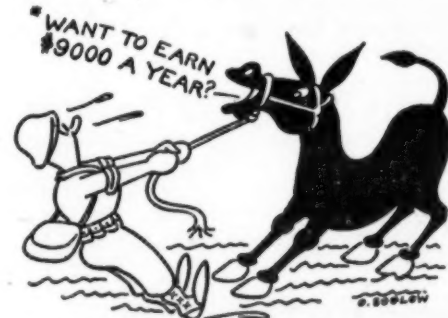
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## The War Isn't Over!

The final pages in the 1944 record book are being written in the blood of American fighting men. The book is closing with reverses on the Western Front and victories in the South Pacific. America enters 1945 with the realization that this war is not over, that grim, hard days of fighting are ahead.

The Western Front reverses came as a shock to many Americans. Jarred out of their complacency they rushed to blood-donor centers, bought belated war bonds, worked a little harder at their jobs and soberly looked at the future.

It was unfortunate that it took a defeat before America would respond to the pleas of military and political leaders for more cooperation in the war effort.

## Civilian Regulations Tougher

Any complacency that remained was jarred out by orders banning racing after January 3, revised OPA regulations on food and rationing, stiffer travel orders and draft orders. Americans were hit where they felt it—in their everyday living.

The orders were designed to increase the flow of food supplies overseas, to increase war production, to ease transportation problems and to force available manpower either into war work or into the Army.

Many Americans felt the orders should have been given months ago. They are one hundred percent behind the closing of tracks and are in favor of further curtailment of sport. It is hard for many people to understand how 4-Fs can compete in big-time athletics.

The closing of tracks will reduce war plant absenteeism and should increase bond sales. Unfortunately it will not force the cheap, chiseling bookies, numbers racketeers and other fast men with a dollar into war work. They are already figuring angles on tiddly-winks and gin-rummy.

## A Masterful Job

The discouraging war news from the Western Front has forced the conquest of Leyte into a secondary role. General MacArthur and his brave men have done a masterful job. Sixty-seven days after the first troops of the Sixth Army fought their way ashore, General MacArthur announced that, except for mopping-up, the campaign for the island is ended.

The Japanese made every effort to save the island. They brought out their fleet. They tossed in all of the reinforcements they possibly could. But they were beaten, and beaten badly.

American dead and missing total 2,795, with more than 8,000 wounded. The Japanese dead total 113,221, plus 493 prisoners and an unknown number of wounded.

The day of liberation for the Philippines is closer than it was two months ago, but the Leyte campaign has demonstrated that a hard task is ahead.

## A Casualty Every 45 Seconds

Americans, long accustomed to astronomical numbers, are inclined to skip lightly over casualty figures.

On the Western Front 57,775 Ground Forces troops were casualties during the month of November—more than one-third the male population of Wyoming. Every time your watch ticked off 45 seconds an American boy was killed, wounded or captured.

## One Thief Hurts All GIs

The soldier-led black-market activities in France have excited considerable criticism of American soldiers in general. Unfortunately too many people fail to realize that soldiers are civilians in uniform, and that one thieving gold-brick doesn't represent all of the GI Joes.

## Belgian Kiddies Not Beggars; Yanks Are Their Dream Santa

SOMEWHERE IN BELGIUM. — Concerned lest American soldiers get the wrong impression of Belgian children begging food and tidbits, a Belgian father wrote the following open letter to General Eisenhower "and his brave warriors."

"We are anguished at the thought that you may return home thinking of our children as beggars. For almost four years, when they asked us for everything that childhood

notes on, we have had to tell them 'later.'

"When they asked us more precisely when this 'later' was coming we told them: 'After the war ends.' When they wanted to know when the war would end, we could only say, 'When the Americans come.'

"That is why all of them go out to you in full confidence as if to Father Noel—because Father Noel never regarded them as beggars."

## Year For Decisions



## At Your Service

**Q. I received an honorable medical discharge from the U. S. Army, but served under the 90-day period. Am I entitled to the benefits of the GI Bill? S.C.**

**A. You would not be eligible unless your discharge was because of an injury or disability incurred in service in line of duty. If your medical discharge was due to such a cause, you would be eligible.**

**Q. How many missions or combat hours does a fighter pilot have to complete before he is returned to the States? Can a fighter pilot advance more rapidly in rank, according to his type of combat, than an officer in the Regular Army? T.C.K.**

**A. No specified number of hours or of combat missions have been fixed. This depends upon the theater of war, the exigencies of warfare, the physical and mental condition of the individual. As to promotion, officers of the Regular Army receive automatic promotions from one grade to another under permanent legislation, but they may be, and are, given temporary promotions to whatever rank their services and abilities deserve.**

**Q. If a veteran dies after receiving his first installment of muster-out pay, will his dependents receive the other installments? E.M.L.**

**A. Yes, such other installments as may be due will be paid to his wife, child or parent.**

**Q. Do the National Service Life Insurance policies have cash, loan, paid-up and other benefits available after the policy has been in force a year? M.K.L.**

**A. The permanent converted policies do, but the five-year level premium term policy does not.**

**Q. What does the \$500-a-year allowance for a veteran's education under the GI Bill pay for? J.S.M.**

**A. For customary cost of tuition, laboratory, library, infirmary and similar payments as are customarily charged by the educational institution, and it may pay for books, supplies, equipment and other necessary expenses (exclusive of board, lodging and other living expenses and travel) as are required.**

**Q. Is a member of the WAC, released from the Army on account of pregnancy, entitled to have her baby in a Veterans' Administration hospital? C.L.S.**

**A. No, not for a normal pregnancy. If she had obtained hospitalization from the Veterans' Administration for some other reason and is actually in a Veterans' hos-**

pital under treatment, then her pregnancy would be cared for as an incident to her other treatment.

**Q. I feel that I need psychoanalytical advice in order to take advantage of the educational features of the GI Bill. Where can I obtain it? Cpl. T.S.M.**

**A. The Army has a complete counseling service, including trained psychologists, available at the 18 separation centers in the U. S. where men are demobilized. You should find this service very helpful in selecting a course of instruction in preparation for the kind of civilian career for which you are best fitted.**

**Q. While in the Army I have developed a severe case of arthritis and the doctors claim they can't do anything for me. I am only 24 years old. What can I do? If the Army can't do anything for me now, how will the GI Bill of Rights be able to do anything for me after my discharge? Pfc. W.S.M., Jr.**

**A. You may be given a disability discharge if your arthritic condition is such as to prevent you from rendering useful service in the Army. That is for the Army authorities to determine. If and when you are discharged or released, you may file a claim with the Veterans' Administration asserting a service-connected disability, for their determination whether you are entitled to (a) compensation for such disability and (b) if so entitled, whether the condition constituted a vocational handicap for which vocational training may be given by the Veterans' Administration. Finally, the fact of arthritis has nothing to do with any rights you may have under the GI Bill for continuance of interrupted education, loans for purchase or construction of a home, farm or business property, counseling and employment placement service, or readjustment allowances if you are unemployed.**

Gentlemen:

In the Army Quiz of the Dec. 1 issue you made an error in an answer relating to Alsace-Lorraine. The answer referred to them as originally French, which they never were and never have been, except by appropriation and domination.

Both Alsace and Lorraine were provinces going back to the time of Lothaire, great grandson of Charlemagne. Both were German in character and were under the rule of German princes. They remained as such until 1648 when Louis XIV, the Hitler of his century, got confirmation of the German area called Alsace. Roughly a hundred years later Louis XV assumed rulership over Lorraine.

For about 150 years they remained under French rule and became what one might call German-French. After the defeat of Napoleon III, the provinces were returned to Germany. The people were not happy under German rule, but neither had they been under French rule.

In 1918-1919 they were returned to France and remained under her rule until Petain and Laval began collaboration with Hitler. They were never officially transferred, but Hitler made no bones of the fact that they would be once a treaty was negotiated.

We Americans must never get any sentimental ideas about France, which is never sure of which side it is on until it knows who is winning. Too many of us know of our unpopularity with Frenchmen in the 1920s. A great many Frenchmen have remained sympathetic with the Allies, but others had to figure out who was winning first.

The Polish land question is approximately the same. The territory she is losing is the same as she appropriated after the last war.

Here's to an overwhelming victory over Hitler, and to a peace which will be drawn, not to please and appease rapacious "allies," but to establish a peace that may keep our sons from fighting to conserve the new "appropriations" of those allies.

Cpl. Fred Methered,  
Stout Field, Ind.

Gentlemen:

Why is it that the Americal Division is constantly referred to as the American Division. Since coming back to the States I have heard it miscalled many times. It is Americal Division, formed in New Caledonia.

Lt. Mickey Blankenship,  
Camp Fannin, Tex.

Gentlemen:

In your Army Times issue of Dec. 9 the lead editorial is headed: "The CIO's Neck Is Out."

Your effort to chop the neck off is definitely dangerous and not just to the CIO but rather to the entire nation and particularly to the morale and understanding of the soldiers.

As one CIO member I resent your unfair efforts and the hundreds of thousands of CIO members in the armed forces have a right to feel the same way.

The CIO has a crusading record of continuous striving to make America a better place in which to live, not just for its membership but for the entire nation. The CIO record of accomplishment can well stand on its own merits.

You accuse the CIO of a lack of faith . . . and afraid of the economic future of America and therefore "afraid of the job competition 13,000,000 veterans will give its members." If you yourself have confidence in the future how can you imagine a struggle for jobs by returning veterans?

The CIO certainly has confidence in its own strength and is daily giving every indication to us that it is aware that the future is not automatic, but subject to influence good or bad. The CIO is exerting its influence for a good post-war America.

Pfc. Bruce Risley  
13th Armored Division  
Camp Bowie, Tex.



## 2 Old Campaigners—One 16 Other 54—Go Home Together

WITH THE U. S. FORCES IN FRANCE.—Youth and age met up with each other recently in France in the persons of M/Sgt. Oskar L. Friedrich, who is 54, and Pvt. Dan Waters, Jr., who is 16. Both having done their share toward Allied victory, are on a ship bound for the United States, home and honorable discharges. Their age has caught up with both of them. Sergeant Friedrich is far over the maximum draft age and Waters is two years under the minimum.

Sergeant Friedrich had 32 years in the Army when his retirement papers reached him 35 miles from Aachen, after he had been through the battles of France, Belgium and Holland and the beginning of the fight for Germany. He is from Fayetteville, N. C.

Private Waters, a 16-year-old gunner in a tank-destroyer unit, enlisted at 14 by registering with his draft board as an 18-year-old and then volunteering. During the battle for St. Lo, Waters was wounded and later awarded the Purple Heart. It was while convalescing in an Army hospital that medical officers discovered his correct age.

The young soldier is the son of Mrs. Alice Waters, Smithtown, Ky., mother of nine children. He landed in France four days after D-Day and went through the heavy fighting of the Normandy campaign.

Now that he was being mustered

out of the Army, Sergeant Friedrich asked young Dan what he intended to do.

"I guess I'll get a job in a war plant and help some that way," Waters replied.

"Be sure to take your Purple Heart along, Junior," said Oldtimer Friedrich.

Private Waters looked up at the

veteran who had served in China, the Philippines, Hawaii, Panama and Iceland, in addition to many months overseas in the last war.

Waters nodded.

Then the master sergeant and the private grinned at each other—old campaigners, men who had been through the mill and now bound for home.



—Signal Corps Photo

STORY is all in the sign at a U. S. Army 10th Air Force base at Myitkyina, Burma.

## Finding White Men Human Beings Puzzler to New Guinea Natives

BERGSTROM FIELD, Tex.—Suppose you came home from the movie and found a 14-foot snake sprawled out on the floor!

That is just one of the many thrilling experiences one of the glider pilots, now stationed at Bergstrom Field, I Troop Carrier Command base at Austin, Tex., as operations officer for the glider pilots, had while on duty in the New Guinea theater of operations from September, 1943, to June, 1944.

He is 1st Lt. Robert L. Wicker,

Jr., a native Texan.

"That python was small fry," declares Lieutenant Wicker, "as we had to kill a 34-foot long boa constrictor one day in the jungle by filling him with lead from a machine gun."

"However, snakes are not the worst enemies in the jungles of New Guinea," he adds. "The natives live very short lives as malaria wipes them out before they reach middle age. I saw many natives in the now famous Markum Valley, located beyond the high mountain ranges in the interior, who had never seen a white man until this war, that look like old men at the age of 25 or 30."

"I met up with headhunters in their own villages whom, I am sure, had never before seen white men. They would run like the wind from the airplane while our motors were running. We landed on grassy slopes. When we cut off the engines, we could see scores of black heads bobbing up out of the bushes and high kuni grass. We climbed out of the planes and then made signs with our hands. They finally ventured up to us and then felt of our bodies to see if we were human beings. They are great tattooists and were delighted when they found out a razor blade would pick their skin. Their huts were built out of grass and brush. We always kept our pistols ready, of course. When we started, our motors again, they all flew into the surrounding jungle."

### C. O. at Fort Logan

FORT LOGAN, Colo.—Col. Robert M. Graham, recently returned after serving overseas with the Troop Carrier Command of the 9th Air Force, is new Commanding Officer here.

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## 'Duke and the Sergeant': A Story of Great Love

ASHEVILLE, N. C.—Underneath a desk, at the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station here all day long, sits a veteran of Guadalcanal.

He is sad-eyed, long-haired, long-eared, and full of dignity. He is an English cocker spaniel, larger than an American cocker, smaller than a springer, and his name is Duke.

S/Sgt. William H. Hector, of Boston, Pa., another veteran of Guadalcanal, found Duke in the underbrush near Henderson Field, where the sergeant was stationed with a defense antiaircraft battery late in 1943. Since then they've caused each other a lot of inconvenience, but both of them agree it's been worth the trouble.

### Lost by Plane Pilot

Still a pup then, Duke with his long blue-black and white hair was a strange sight in the jungle, where wild pigs were the only animals usually seen. Sgt. Hector feels that some plane pilot must have brought Duke to the field, and lost him.

Duke became the pet of the unit, although it quickly became evident he was a one-man dog and Sgt. Hector was the one man. When the unit moved on to Carney Field, he went along.

Then Sgt. Hector developed a mysterious tropical disease which caused his foot first to swell painfully, then to contract. When he went to the station hospital on Guadalcanal, Duke went along. But when he was sent by plane to a hospital in the New Hebrides, there seemed nothing to do but to leave Duke with the unit.

### Goes on Hunger Strike

Duke, however, had other ideas. Without his master, he went on a hunger strike. Finally, to save his life, he too was sent by plane to the New Hebrides, where he settled comfortably under Sgt. Hector's hospital bed, and was content.

When it came time for Sgt. Hector to ship back to the States, he

missed the boat, on purpose, because the captain didn't allow dogs aboard.

Three weeks later, with his own and Duke's papers all in order, Sgt. Hector started home. As they neared shore, another problem arose—a matter of a 60-day quarantine for dogs at the port of debarkation.

So Sgt. Hector threw away most of his clothes, and Duke came down the gangplank, very quietly, slung over the sergeant's shoulder in a brown duffle bag. All 40 pounds of him.

He came along, too, when Sgt. Hector was sent to the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station here for reassignment.

And he still comes along, now that Sgt. Hector has been assigned to the transportation section of the station with a desk in the City Auditorium. Duke stays under the desk.

## Friendly Tip-Off Irks Front-Liners

FROM THE 26TH (YANKEE) INFANTRY DIVISION IN FRANCE.

—For 12 days and nights a machine gun platoon had been dug in along an advance position facing the Germans. The men had been under fire almost continually. One afternoon 1st/Sgt. Francis T. Aylward, acting platoon leader, received a telephone message from an excited non-com at his battalion headquarters: "Make sure all your men have their helmets on, the General's just arrived here."

Sergeant Aylward's reply, unprintable here, is reported to have short-circuited the entire communication system.

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## WAC Recruits Needed for Army Hospitals

WASHINGTON.—The Army will continue to recruit for the Women's Army Corps in 1945, the War Department announced Tuesday.

Beginning Jan. 1, the WAC recruiting program will emphasize the enlistment of qualified women urgently needed for duty in Army hospitals and of those possessing specialized skills in several vital categories necessary to maintain

the WAC at the level required for over-all Army efficiency.

Because of increasingly high casualty lists and the return of thousands of sick and wounded soldiers to the United States every month, together with a critical shortage of Army nurses, there is an urgent continuing need for several thousand medical and surgical technicians in Army hospitals. This need is acute and must be filled. Women enlisted in the WAC for this duty will receive specialized training designed to fit them as enlisted technicians and are assured duty in Army hospital wards aiding in the care of sick, injured and wounded soldiers.

Other enlisted technicians needed by the Army Medical Department include pharmacists, laboratory technicians, dental technicians and psychiatric social workers.

There is also a continuing demand for Wacs possessing specialized skills.

## Asked Santa for '125 Pounds of Female,' Got It

A NEWFOUNDLAND PORT.—Santa Claus was put up against a tough proposition when he received, through the Fleet Mail Officer, Newfoundland, a letter requesting "125 pounds of the nicest female alive" for Christmas. He came through as usual.

Two Canadian seamen, Signalman Keith C. Moore, of Winnipeg, and Telegrapher Jack Coghill, of Nipissing, Ont., wrote a joint letter with the unusual request.

The gifts, in the form of two Wrens—Beth Prindeville, of Ottawa, and Peg Sauriol, of White River, Ont.—were delivered to the men aboard H. M. C. S. Peterboro in huge fleet bags labeled "Special Delivery, F. M. O."

"Now we really believe in Christmas," the seamen said, as the two girls stepped out of the mail bags and agreed to go on a double date with the letter writers.

## 'Victory Ideas' Save Millions

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—A total of \$61,192, enough to purchase a modern Army pursuit plane or to provide 84,171 rounds of M-1 rifle ammunition, was saved in administrative costs at Camp Blanding since the inauguration of the "Ideas for Victory" plan among civilian employees last August, the Public Relations Office announced today.

Eleven ideas "designed to effect economies in operation of ASF agencies" have been adopted at Camp Blanding, the suggestors receiving an aggregate total of \$485.

Since nationwide adoption of the program a total of more than \$11,000,000 — enough to buy 20 B-29 Superfortresses for our hard-hitting Air Forces, or 220 medium tanks for American ground forces driving toward Berlin — has been saved at Army Service Forces installations in the U. S.

THE Army's specially designed new hospital car accommodates 36 patients and two attendants. It costs \$56,000.

## McCoy Training Value Shown In Combat Records

CAMP MCCOY, Wis.—Camp McCoy maintained its prominence as an outstanding infantry training center during the past year, a brief review released by Col. George M. MacMullin, post commander, emphasizes.

The 2nd Infantry Division and the 100th Infantry Battalion, of Hawaiians, proved the value of their McCoy training with key victories against the Germans during the initial European invasion and Battle of France, and in Italy. Reports from many other former McCoy units, combat engineers, hospital units, ordnance outfits, topographical battalions—reiterate the value of McCoy training.

Inspections by top army generals resulted in praise of the post.

## Oregon Welcomes Returning Servicemen

By GOVERNOR EARL SNELL

The combat services have enlisted the cream of the nation's youth. To them has been given a broadened experience, higher training, and greater capabilities. It will be true at the end of this war, as it has been true in the past, that a good soldier becomes a good citizen.

This is the sentiment I note in Oregon. I presume it to be the feeling everywhere. Certainly it is the spirit, coupled with patriotic pride and gratitude, in which Oregon is preparing a sincere welcome for Oregon's returning service men and women. When the time is ripe, I am confident it is a welcome that will be extended to other veterans interested in developing the opportunities of this newer part of the nation.

It is a pleasure to respond to the

invitation of the ARMY TIMES to supply available information in regard to the fields of opportunity likely to be opened in Oregon for the postwar period.

The Pacific Northwest has the greatest amount of cheap hydroelectric power in any region of similar size in the United States. This is available for users of large blocks of power as well as to small consumers. The development is comparatively new and scheduled for even greater extension. The power capacity of this area has reached over 2,500,000 kilowatts.

It is expected that this new power and the phenomenally low rate will attract new industrial plants to the west coast, stimulating a wide field of development. Light metals production presents encouraging prospects. Large deposits of aluminum-clay have been discovered and an aluminum-from-clay plant is now under construction in the Willamette valley, adjacent to Salem. The new alcohol-from-wood plant at Springfield, Oregon, is under construction.

The lumber industry in this No. 1 timber state of the nation is now at a high peak of production and selling most of its output to the United States government for war purposes. It is anticipated that lumbering will continue in high production for a number of years. Private building has been practically suspended since the start of the emergency and there are hundreds of thousands of homes to be constructed. There should be a great demand for lumber for export purposes owing to the demolition of buildings in all the battle areas. Lumber by-products development and utilization presents a big field for the postwar period.

The removal of so much timber

from the forests of Oregon to meet the demands of war will require that these gaps in the forests be replaced. This calls for a big reforestation program, plans for which have been prepared and will be put in effect immediately after the war when funds are made available.

Mining will be resumed with the coming of peace and may feel the impetus of new industrial demands in the expected west coast development. The United States Bureau of Mines will operate a laboratory at Albany, Oregon, to determine the commercial possibilities of the various mineral resources native to the far Northwest.

In addition to an abundance of cheap electrical power, Oregon has excellent transportation facilities—water, rail, highway and air—excellent climatic conditions and fine labor relations.

The geography and climatic conditions of Oregon, together with beautiful mountains abounding with wild life, thousands of miles of fishing streams and hundreds of mountain lakes, offer opportunities for those who wish to cater to those patronizing Oregon's great recreational and scenic areas. The seashore, 300 miles in length, is another area to be developed as the result of comparatively new highway construction and growing peacetime travel along the Pacific coast.

The public works program listed by Oregon's Postwar Committee and which is designed to provide employment in the event of low employment during any postwar transitional period totals \$348,000,000. This includes federal, state, county, municipal and other political subdivisions.



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SNIPER HUNTING is a tense game. Here at Niederbronn, France, newly-taken in 7th Army drive, American Infantryman is about to swing open a door while two other riflemen are ready for instant action.

## Extra! Big News! Shelby Laundry Presses Shorts

CAMP SHELBY, Miss.—Quartermaster laundries here have made big news.

No longer will underwear (shorts and shirts) come back clean only—but looking like something your wife or mother would toss in the rag bag.

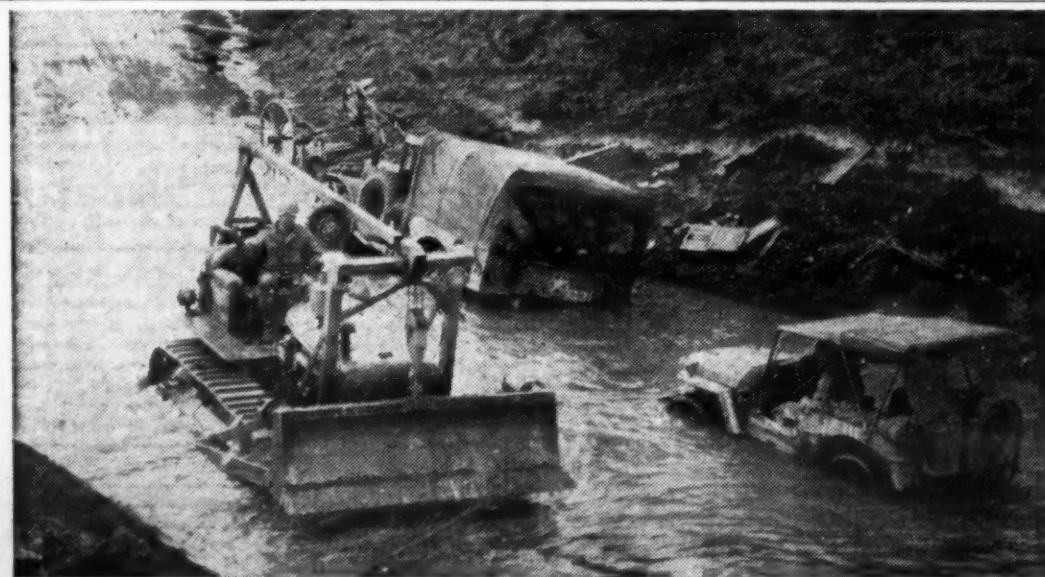
The laundry presses the shorts now and folds the undershirts—every one.

It also presses pajamas—if anyone still remembers what those

things are and actually wears them.

Moreover, the GI hurriedly changing clothes for a date will no longer have to search for a knife or other sharp instrument—and end up sawing on the edge of a shelf—to get his socks loose from the string.

The socks are still strung for washing—you still have those old familiar holes—but each string is nicely cut before your laundry bundle is wrapped.



—Signal Corps Photo

DYKES blown up by Nazis inundated the Lubine, France, area, and caused a severe road block which finally was cleared by engineers. Here a bulldozer is attempting to lay a hard surface on the road beneath the rushing waters.

## 7 Rules, 'Bit o' Luck,' Is General's Success Formula

CAMP ELLIS, Ill.—Maj. Gen. Russel B. Reynolds, Commanding General, 6th Service Command, who rose from a private in 1916 to a two-star general, told enlisted men at Camp Ellis during a recent visit that there is no magic or mystery in the formula for success in the Army.

Highlighting his remarks with the adage, "He profits most who serves best," the General laid out seven cardinal rules for successful Army life:

1. Know your assigned job.
2. Study, practice and learn so you can do the job ahead.
3. Learn as much as you can of man and his ways.
4. War is a crisis, so be ready for any crisis that might arise.
5. Gain the goodwill of associates,

both junior and senior.

6. A sense of humor helps a lot.

7. Few people are "pulled" upward. Most are "pushed" upward by capable, loyal subordinates who gain the greatest satisfaction in the success of their chief.

The General postscripted his remarks with a blanket statement: "A bit of luck helps," he added.

After completing his first inspection here, he said:

"Camp Ellis has made notable contributions to the conduct of the war through the scores of units it has created, trained and equipped for service in the fighting theaters. There is still a training mission to perform here and I congratulate Col. John S. Sullivan and his training staff on their achievements."





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SKIING PARTY? Not much! They're Yanks of an Infantry Division moving into the mist toward their objective over a snow-covered field near Krinkelter, Belgium.

## Portable Prophylactic Station Will Reduce VD

**NORMANDY BASE SECTION.**—An extremely simple but effective venereal disease prophylactic station—portable, easily constructed, and able to be readied for use in a matter of minutes—has recently been devised here by Capt. B. Ritter, New York City, Venereal Disease Control Officer of the Surgeon's Office, Normandy Base Section.

Available to every unit, whether located in the field or in permanent installations, it should prove of considerable value in cutting down the incidence of syphilis and gonorrhea.

The station arrangement consists essentially of two parts: a small table, holding a jerrican flanked by the medical preparations used in the treatment, and a small bench built

to a slightly lower level. A length of pipe and a faucet near the bottom of the jerrican enables warm water to be run out as desired.

An ordinary GI pail is sunk through the top of the bench at one end, so that the pail's rim is flush with the surface of the bench. The end of the bench containing the pail is pushed into juxtaposition with the table, so that the faucet is located directly over the pail.

When a soldier takes a prophylactic treatment he straddles the bench so that his genitals protrude over the pail. By turning the faucet on the jerrican, warm water runs over his parts and drops into the pail. Other parts of the treatment are given as usual.

## 50,000 Soldiers Go

### Through Butner RS

**CAMP BUTNER, N. C.**—When 1st Lt. Franklin J. Sheard returned after 19½ months in the European theater of operations, he did not know that a signal honor was awaiting him at the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station here. Lieutenant Sheard was the 50,000th veteran, returning from overseas, to pass through the center since its activation.

## Medical Experts Will Assist VA in Treating Rare Disease

**WASHINGTON.**—Eight members of a 15-man medical panel, which will advise on the treatment of veterans suffering from rare types of diseases encountered in far-away battlefields as well as on improvement of general medical practices in the treatment of veterans, have been named by Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, administrator of veterans affairs.

Dr. George Morris Piersol, professor of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, is chairman of the group, and Dr. Roy D. Adams, clinical professor of medicine at Georgetown University, permanent secretary.

The six others who have accepted appointment on the panel are:

Dr. John Alexander, professor of surgery and surgeon-in-charge, section of thoracic surgery, University of Michigan.

Dr. J. Burns Amberson, Jr., professor of medicine, Columbia university.

Dr. George E. Bennett, adjunct professor of orthopedic surgery, Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. William F. Lorenz, professor

## \$3,627,840 Saving

**CAMP FORREST, Tenn.**—A saving of \$3,627,840 for the Army was made in the past three months by the Camp Forrest Combined Maintenance Shops, when they restored 127,364 badly damaged items back to full use.

## More Awards Being Heaped on Americans

**WITH THE AMERICAL DIVISION.** Somewhere in the Southwest Pacific.—A total of 41 Distinguished Service Crosses has been awarded veteran infantrymen who serve under Maj. Gen. William H. Arnold.

Gen. Arnold's Americal doughboys, with battle honors at both Guadalcanal and Bougainville under their belts, have piled up the following awards, in addition to the DSC's:

One Congressional Medal of Honor (to S/Sgt. Jesse Drowley of Luzerne, Mich., for heroism at the mouth of Bougainville's Torokina River).

Two Distinguished Service Medals; 102 Legions of Merit, with one cluster; 301 Silver Stars for gallantry, with three clusters; 47 Soldier's Medals, with two clusters; 1285 Bronze Stars, with 34 clusters; 30 Air Medals (awarded Cub pilots who support Americal artillery operations); and an undisclosed number of Purple Hearts.

Many of the division's infantrymen have been overseas for 35 months.

Gen. Arnold, by virtue of his recent promotion, is at 43 one of the youngest major generals in the Army.

## Dixie GIs Write Epitaph for 'Jap Welder of Red Pencil'

**WITH THE DIXIE DIVISION ON MOROTAI.**—Sergeant Kincaid waited until dawn before crawling out of his pillbox to look at the jungles in front of his company's positions. Kincaid, a machine gun sergeant, had already made two island campaigns with the 31st Division and he knew that it's fatal to move around outside before day-break.

He worked his way from one booby trap to another, searching for some clue that would tell him what had made those stealthy, crawling sounds during the black night, black as only a jungle night can be. The concealed trip wires and push releases appeared untouched.

Then he saw it. Upon one of his high explosive, hair-trigger booby traps was a note. It was on a scrap of paper, and it offered this message, laboriously scrawled—in English—with a bright red lead pencil:

"To Dear Soldier: American are very foolish people—From Japanese Officer."

Kincaid carefully disarmed the booby trap, took the note to his company commander, Capt. Martin M. Friedman, Cleveland, who turned it over as a matter of routine to intelligence officers for inspection. But the story had one more chapter.

Two mornings later, in another pillbox some 300 yards from Kincaid's, another Mississippi boy was keeping watch while his comrades caught a few winks. The sky showed no signs of the approaching dawn; it was as black as it had been two nights previously. Sgt. A. J. Goellner, Lumberton, Miss., peered out through the slits between the logs, held his M-1 across his knees.

Then he heard it. The same crawling sounds that others along this section of the

31st's perimeter had heard during the past week. He phoned to a mortar squad in the rear to fire a flare above his section of the line, and got his M-1 into a ready position.

The asked-for flare burst above his pillbox, and in the painful glare of brilliant light he saw a moving shadow. His rifle roared once, twice, three times. The flare burned down to a dull glow, and then, from the darkness and sudden quiet outside they heard their victim groan, and he was speaking English: "Oh my God—you got me."

It was quiet outside their pillbox the rest of the night.

When dawn came they left their bunker and walked toward the body sprawled 15 yards away; they had killed a Japanese army sergeant-major.

In the pocket of his short they found the stub of a red lead pencil.

## Gordon Wacs Get Pet; They Draft Old 'Smokey Joe'

**CAMP GORDON, Ga.**—After the war is over, one family in New Jersey is going to have considerable difficulty rehabilitating its dog.

For seven years a perfectly normal pet in an average American home, Smokey Joe was suddenly aroused from the lethargy of the middle years of a dog's life, and was drafted into the Army about two months ago. He is now a member of the WAC Detachment at Camp Gordon.

After two unsuccessful attempts to get a suitable dog for a pet, the Wacs had about decided to give up the idea of trying to have a mascot. Then one of the girls, Sgt. Gladys Caldron, of Ridgefield Park, N. J., suggested that she might be able to get Smokey Joe from home.

A jam session, a telephone call home, and in less than a week's time, Smokey Joe arrived at Camp Gordon, a khaki-colored, long-bodied, short-legged, bow-legged recruit. Now permanently assigned as "morale builder" of the barracks, Smokey Joe is fast becoming a veteran Army dog.

## Post's 'Santa' Has Happy Memories of War Heroes

**FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan.**—Chief WO Cleveland Williams, of the Command and General Staff School, who played the role of Santa Claus for the children of the post last week, has some very interesting memories.

In 41 years of active service in the Army WO Williams has been stationed here for 38 years, and for 26 years, during which he has regularly played "Santa Claus," children who were, in his first days in the role, just tots and came to him with Christmas requests, are now generals, colonels and outstanding heroes in the armed forces. Many of them look on him as their only Santa Claus. He often recalls, when reading of heroic activities on the battle fronts, that the man of the hour once sat on his knee and asked for an electric train or a toy pistol.



—Signal Corps Photo

**BELIEVE IT OR NOT** but Colonels took orders from a Sergeant at Camp Forrest, Tenn., when Wacs were dinner guests and staff officers were KPs for the occasion. Following the repast, Col. Frank T. Addington, Post Commander (center), did the "pearl diving." Grinning wielder of the soap sud baton at the right is Lt. Col. Rubin C. Rlsburg, Post Executive Officer. Attractive girl in white, bossing the job, is S/Sgt. Martha Bosch, Wac mess sergeant.

## Captured German Leads Lost Yank Back to Safety

**WITH THE 26TH (YANKEE) INFANTRY DIVISION IN FRANCE.**—Pfc. Richard Morgan, of Edenton, N. C., discovered a new way to get back to his lines after being lost in enemy territory, but he doesn't recommend it as standard procedure.

Morgan was returning with his company after a woods-clearing mission recently when a German sniper opened fire. The men scattered so well that Morgan found himself all alone and lost. It was growing dark, but he kept moving in the hopes of finding his way back. Suddenly he came upon a Nazi tank. It's hatch cover was open and a Jerry sniper was peering in the opposite direction. When Morgan covered the sniper, he threw down his rifle and surrendered. The Jerry started off toward the American lines with his hands over his head and Morgan allowed himself to be led. Soon the Jerry proved he knew the way by arriving at a forward Yank position.

## Corporal Officiates at Birth in Army Ambulance

**WESTHAMPTON BEACH, L. I.**—With no medical training except that given in the service, Cpl. Real T. Cote, of Lowell, Mass., officiated at the delivery of a daughter to Mrs. Eileen Love, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., in an ambulance bound for Mitchell Field hospital.

The baby arrived somewhat before it was expected, as Mrs. Love and her husband, T/Sgt. John R. Love, were in the ambulance. However, Corporal Cote took charge of the situation and duly presented a six-and-a-half pound girl to the parents. Both mother and daughter are now doing well in the hospital.

## Given Silver Star

**FORT BRAGG, N. C.**—Maj. Horton Camp, of Pittsboro, N. C., has been presented the Silver Star for gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands.



# 'PGC Newsmap' Keeps Men of Vast Corridor Posted on War

TEHERAN, Iran.—Thousands of GIs in the Persian Gulf Command who daily battle desert sands and difficult mountain terrain to move supplies to our Russian Allies, keep abreast of the one war that grips our "one world" through the weekly distribution of the PGC Newsmap.

Maj. Gen. Donald H. Connolly, PGC Commander, has his troops spread over an area two and one-half times the size of Texas—and everybody who has met a Texan knows how big Texas is.

However, the vastness of the Persian Corridor is only one of the problems which are faced by Cpl. Al G. Smith and Sgt. Ed Hartnett, who respectively edit and distribute PGC Newsmap. Smith is a soft-spoken Georgian who went to Carl Byoir and Associates in New York City via the Associated Press and Louisiana State University's public relations desk. Sergeant Hartnett, a display expert in civilian life, lives on Long Island.

The printing problem was a terrific one. When General Connolly's men arrived in Iran, there were no linotypes, no American compositors, a limited number of faces of hand-set English alphabets, and a vast restriction of other vital facilities.

## Persians "Follow Copy"

The Persian printers, because they know no English, copied literally everything, including errors—a Persian compositor makes the most literal-minded American printer seem like a paragon of imaginativeness.

When two linotypes arrived in the summer of 1944, they were in almost impossible condition. They had come across in a ship which was torpedoed and beached. The machinery was broken, parts were scattered, and salt water had done its corrosive work on delicate mechanisms. It took six weeks to assemble the first linotype. Repair jobs which "couldn't be done" were accomplished—for instance, one part which experts said would never stand up under welding was welded successfully by news-hungry men in the PGC railroad shops.

GI compositors were found, though not enough were available to completely supplant the Persians in production of Newsmap, Yank and other publications of PGC.

The supply of Newsmap paper at first was negligible. It now is sufficient, but there were times when the shortage was acute.

Newsmap is printed by the offset

method on presses the Germans bartered to the Iranians. The plant is in the Bank Milli de Iran—which is much more than a bank; it is a national institution with many and varied activities.

In the fall of 1944, Newsmap was taken out of its black-and-white dress and put into colors. Standard background color is now green, which is the background color on the shield in the famous PGC shoulder patch.

The makeup also has been changed to take advantage of gradually improving publishing factors. Recently a new masthead was designed by Sgt. Paul Jones of Indianapolis, Ind., incorporating the PGC shield with its sword and star.

## Distribution Problem

Getting Newsmap to the bulletin boards of the vast Persian Gulf Command proved a problem secondary only to that of printing. Installations on this vital line to the eastern front are widely separated and, by military necessity, transportation priority had to go to military supplies. However, the distribution problem also was licked and Newsmap goes out with clock-

like regularity every week, 750 copies of it, so that every GI can see how his war is progressing.

Newsmap is under the staff supervision of Maj. Terrell Murrell, chief of the Information and Education Branch, which is part of the office of Technical Information, headed by Col. A. H. Martin as director and Lt. Col. A. B. Shank as assistant director and aide to General Connolly.

News is gathered through radio station AES Teheran by short wave from the United States and also from a bulletin issued by the U. S. State Department and published by the American Embassy at Teheran.

## Prisoners Report Nazis Hopped-Up but Still Dubious

WITH THE 7TH U. S. ARMY.—German successes of the last several days have given the Nazi soldier a morale "shot in the arm."

Prisoners taken during the past week are in much higher spirits than those taken previously.

The German High Command is making the most of its opportunities to hop up the soldiers. The high officers are boasting of a great "victory being won in the North."

Propaganda about a "new secret weapon that will end the war in a great German victory" is also rife. But the Krauts still come over to Allied lines waving surrender leaflets. Many of them are frankly dubious about the victory talk.

## D. S. M. to Gen. Key

WASHINGTON.—Maj. Gen. William S. Key, who headed the Iceland Base Command of the ETO from June, 1943, to Dec., 1944, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for "exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service."

## Campaign Cuts Trench Foot by 75 Per Cent.

WASHINGTON.—The toll from trench foot, one of the most dreaded diseases of the World War I, has been reduced 75 per cent. in the European theater, the War Department announced this week.

Maj. Gen. Paul R. Hawley, thea-

ter surgeon, reported that, as a direct result of the campaign against trench foot, thousands of Americans soldiers needed during the critical months ahead on the Western front, will remain on duty.

The War Department noted that 17,500 cases of trench foot had developed in the theater through December 12, and that many of the men would never return to full duty. The toll had reached 9.82 cases per week per 1000 men. This figure has now declined 75 per cent. in the theater and as much as 90 per cent. in some units.

The campaign against the disease, which involved cooperation by SHAEF, the medical department, the quartermaster corps and information and education division, was based on providing adequate supplies of socks, shoes, overshoes, rubber shoe pacs and dubbin. This was followed up by an educational campaign to obtain cooperation by the troops. Men were coached to keep their feet as dry as possible and against taking unnecessary risks.

## Esso War Map No. 3 Covers Pacific Theater

NEW YORK.—Esso War Map No. 3 just issued presents in detail the Pacific and Chinese theaters.

One side presents a general map of the whole theater, covering the section from the Solomon Islands west to include most of India. The reverse side shows in greater detail Japan and the Chinese Coast, with smaller detail maps of the Philippines and other island groups likely to be noted in the war news.

Copies of the map may be had from the General Drafting Co., Inc., West street, New York 6, N. Y.

MORE than 21,000 negro veterans are receiving pensions for disabilities incurred in or aggravated by service in the Army during World War I.



—Signal Corps Photo

DEVICE for separating tires from their wheels in a jiffy, without injury to the head of the tire, has been perfected at Fort Monmouth, N. J., Motor Transportation by Sgt. Francesco Martin, Italian signee, who once attended a mechanical engineering school at Don-Bosco College, Turin, Italy. Designed and built in a day from scrap metal exclusively, the device is being recommended by Capt. Lawrence E. Humphries for use in other GI garages.

## 2 Nazi Tanks Knocked Out at 2300 Yards by M-18's

WITH THE 6TH ARMORED DIVISION IN FRANCE.—Two German Mark V tanks were knocked out by a pair of ordnance M-18 tank destroyers at a distance of over 2300 yards in a recent encounter.

The two Nazi tanks were spotted by members of the first platoon, Company B, of a tank destroyer battalion now fighting with the 6th Armored Division in France. One 76-mm round was fired by each of the powerful tank destroyers, scoring a direct hit on the sprockets of one of the rapidly

approaching German tanks. A second round blasted the remaining tank with another direct hit on the sprocket wheel of that tank. The turrets of the disabled Nazi armor were then splintered by a third round from the American destroyers.

The superior Ordnance firepower had made it possible to knock these tanks out from a distance of nearly a mile and a half.

Twelve of the 27-man platoon were injured in the fight, but not a single fatality occurred and not a vehicle was lost by them.

## Van Dorn Works "Miracle" to Get New Orientation Center

CAMP VAN DORN, Miss.—A bleak and empty day room here has been converted into an interesting and attractive Orientation Center for the entire post.

The center was originated by the Post I & E Officer and was constructed under his supervision. "From Scrap Heap to Glory" would be a good phrase to apply to materials used in the project.

The camp was scoured for discarded bits of lumber and beaverboard, and the whole disreputable looking mess piled in the middle of the day room floor. From then on it was anybody's guess as to what would go where. Carpenters and painters from the Surplus Detach-

ment labored long and diligently to bring order out of chaos and there finally emerged the new Camp Van Dorn Orientation Center, complete with muralled walls, up-to-the-minute battle maps set into attractively captioned niches, and literature for the perusal of GIs who like to keep up with what goes on in the world.

The new Orientation Center will also be used for meetings and training classes by the Station Complement Staff.

## Swims Icy River with Gas in Tow to Start Fire Lighting Attack

WITH U. S. ARMIES.—The story of how Sgt. William Pierce, Winston-Salem, swam a river near Stavelot, while enemy bullets buzzed around him—and how he set fire to a house under the very noses of the Nazis—has been revealed.

Pierce dove into the frigid water, laboriously hauled gasoline with him and set fire to the house in order that the Americans could see enemy attack movements.

## 40,000-Mile Trip

LOVE FIELD, Tex.—S/Sgt. Re' Atchison, Fifth Ferrying Group Public Relations Office, has returned after completing a "dream" assignment—a tour of duty for Headquarters ATC which took him on a 40,000-mile trip by plane around the world.



—Pfc. Chas. Cartwright, ASFTC, Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

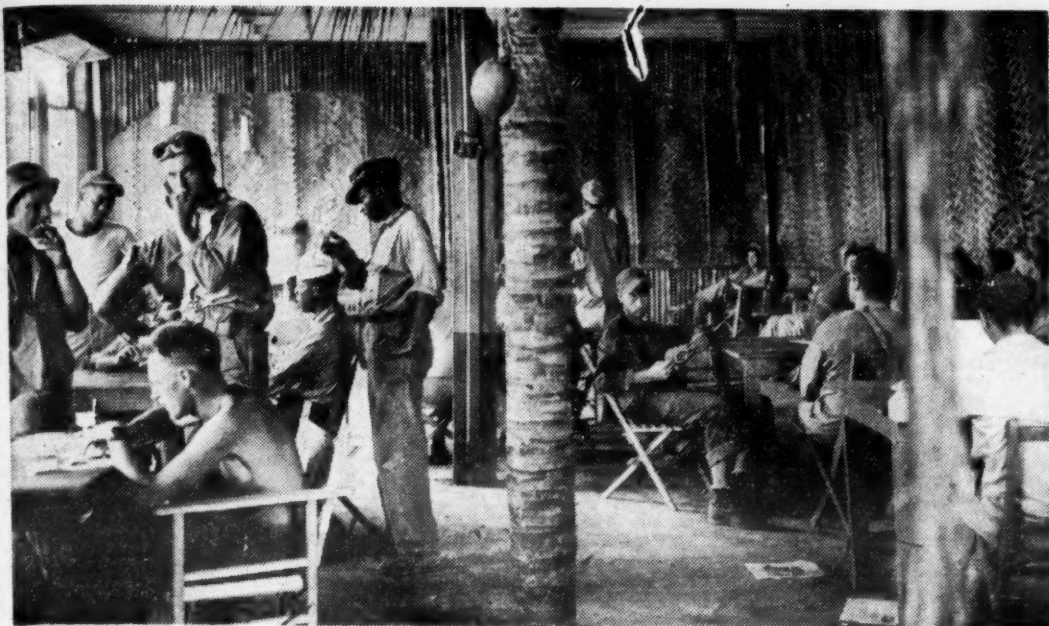
"'Twas th' night before Christmas an' all through th' house, not a creature was stirrin', not even a mouse..."

## From 'Heil Hitler' to 'Okay Roosevelt' In One Hard Lesson

WITH THE 35TH DIVISION IN FRANCE.—When a patrol of the 134th Infantry entered the Lorraine village of Morhange one of the soldiers gave some chocolate to a little lad. The youngster, who had spent four of his five years under German occupation, immediately raised his hand and sang out, "Heil Hitler." When mama heard the ill-chosen remark she unleashed a series of accurate blows at her offspring's posterior.

The patrol departed, and when it returned the next day the chastised and enlightened boy was on hand to give a different welcome. "Okay Roosevelt," he now shouted.





AMERICAN servicemen take time out at the Red Cross Quezon Club at Tacloban, Leyte, first in the Philippines, to write letters home and read up on the latest world news. Club was formerly a Chinese restaurant. Surprise of reinforcement troops at seeing a Red Cross Club was summed up by one soldier: "Holy cats, the Red Cross got here before we did."

## Rescues Under Fire Win DSC for Padre

WITH 80TH INFANTRY DIVISION IN FRANCE.—Father Benedict A. Henderson, of the 80th Infantry Division's crack 319th Infantry Regiment, now wears America's second highest military decoration, the Distinguished Service Cross, but to those who know him, his Chaplain's Cross stands for distinguished services far exceeding those covered by a mere citation.

On Sept. 6 the 3rd Battalion of

the 319th Infantry, to which the Oakland, Calif., Chaplain is assigned, was attacking the heavily fortified Fort Valley Le Sec near Toul, France.

Heavy casualties were suffered and the overworked medical personnel were unable to evacuate all the wounded immediately. The Chaplain, hearing the cries of the wounded, crawled unhesitatingly through the cratered and mined battlefield and under heavy fire made his perilous pilgrimage to the torn, twisted wreckage of a disabled tank, from which he extricated a wounded soldier, carrying him 200 fire-swept yards to the rear and safety.

He again went forward under fire and encountered a hard-pressed litter squad working desperately over two wounded men, the most seriously wounded of which they evacuated. Realizing that prompt medical attention would save the other boy, Father Henderson gently lifted him onto his back and once again started the dangerous trip to the rear. Machine guns kicked up puffs of dust around him, sniper bullets whined their deadly warning, but crawling on his hands and knees, fearless Father Henderson saved a second life that day.

## GIs Are that Way!

C-B-I AIR STATION COMMAND.—When Cpl. Wilbur A. Jorgensen, member of a military police detachment of the Bangalore Air Depot, met his death in line of duty recently, his buddies stepped up with a handsome purse of \$500 for the widow and a special Christmas gift of \$55 earmarked for toys for the soldier's son. The money was raised in donations of rupee "chips" by friends around the busy depot.

## Army Corrects 'Faults' Found in Hospitals by Congressmen

WASHINGTON.—Survey of 89 Army hospitals in 20 States and the District of Columbia, conducted by the House Military Affairs Committee, brought a report this week in which 28 specific cases were listed as warranting criticism.

Names of the criticized hospitals were not revealed. The committee emphasized, however, that the War Department had taken immediate corrective action. The report said the results following its investigation "have been decidedly reassuring."

Much of the criticism was centered on disrepair of buildings, non-fireproofing, inadequate fire pre-

vention equipment and lack of air-conditioning. The committee said it found that one convalescent hospital used storage eggs which had not been inspected for nine months, serving them with catsup "to disguise their evil taste."

"That day" was the veteran ROM-gunner's first intimation that he was about to participate in the historic first all-American heavy bomber raid over Germany.

"Actually, that first Wilhelmshaven raid didn't turn out to be so bad," the husky sergeant declares. "But on my 23rd mission, when we went after the same target again . . . that was the pay-off for my crew. Remember the movie, 'The Memphis Belle'? There was a ship there called 'Old Bill,' the one with her nose blown off. That's where I was that day."

"Old Bill" never got to the target. When we hit Wilhelmshaven the overcast was too thick for accurate bombing, so the groups headed for the secondary, Helgoland. But three FW's came from nowhere and knocked us out of the formation, and then 27 more swooped in for the kill. By the time they got through spitting their lead our nose had been blown off, and most of the instruments, radio equipment and hydraulic line had been knocked out.

"The navigator was killed and seven other men in the crew wounded. The Jerries could have blown

us right out of the sky, but for some reason or other—maybe they were out of gas or ammunition—they left us after that first attack. Sure . . . I was hit, too . . . in six different places. Luckily, the formation picked us up on their way back from the bomb-run and escorted us home."

## Medics Make Bond Act So Realistic That Three Faint

CARLISLE, Pa.—The detachment of medics from Carlisle Barracks, taking part in the Army exhibit for the Sixth Ward Bond show in Baltimore, was asked to prepare a "realistic portrayal" of an operation for the benefit of the public.

One of the group put on an "amputation" act, and so realistic was the dramatization that two civilians and one Army sergeant fainted. After reviving the trio, the medics revised the show somewhat to avoid passouts at future shows.

## Joe Brother 'Joe'

WITH THE 36TH (TEXAS) DIVISION, 7th Army, in France.

—Pvt. John Dedo was trying to find his brother, Pvt. Joe Dedo, of Ironwood, Mich., recently transferred to the Division MP Detachment.

"Stop the first MP you see and ask him where your brother is posted," he was told. So John stopped the first MP he saw.

"Hey, Joe, do you know . . . ?" The search ended there.

## Mustang Travels At 450 Miles Per Hour

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — A new speed record for propeller-driven planes of 450 miles per hour is revealed by North American Aviation, Inc.

The record was made by the company's P-51 Mustang fighter.

DISTRIBUTION of 581,660 books of Holy Scripture at Army Service Forces installations in the United States have been made by Army chaplains in the past 40 months.

## Wounded Vet Gets Real Xmas Gift

TULSA, Okla.—A real Christmas present came to Sgt. Joseph Waldt, who had been wounded and sent back to this country to recuperate in an Army hospital in Oklahoma, when his wife walked into his room a few days before Christmas.

Mrs. Waldt has missed seeing her husband in New York when he landed, and, being a working woman of modest means, could not follow him to the hospital.

Waldt had believed he was nearly recovered and was looking forward to a Christmas furlough at home when he suffered a relapse and was near death from internal hemorrhages.

Friends here, learning of the situation, got a plane reservation, provided a hotel room and sent Mrs. Waldt a purse of money for her expenses. A delegation met her at the airport, pinned on a gardenia and took her to her husband.

No one had told Waldt his wife was coming, so that when she walked, unannounced, into his room, there was a joyful reunion.

## New Zealand Would Slice Farms to Give Homes to Returned Vets

WELLINGTON, New Zealand.—Bulwarking New Zealand governmental plans to settle discharged servicemen on the land is a major private enterprise just being launched.

Back of the private plan is the Rehabilitation Civic League. Prominently identified with the league is

D. V. Bryant, father of the Bryant Land Plan, who aided New Zealanders to weather the depression.

The slump plan was to take large farms, divide them and equip them and settle them with hand-picked men.

The postwar program is modeled along the same pattern, but will be on a larger scale.

## All Same Pancakes

WITH THE DIXIE DIVISION ON MOROTAI. — "Sugar reports" delivered by air to an outpost of a 31st Infantry Division rifle company fairly dripped with sweetness one December day recently.

Sgt. Harold Bank, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., waiting by the breakfast chow line for the Cub plane to drop his company's mail, was not quick enough to prevent the letters from falling squarely into a syrup pot.

Bank thinks Mail Orderly Rufus Joyner, of Fulton, Ky., should be a bombardier.

TYPE "C" rations, for American fighting men overseas, are now shipped in Victory fibre board containers which have withstood as many as 100 handlings en route to their destinations.



—Signal Corps Photo

YANKS are tough fighting men, but their tenderness is manifest when they deal with youngsters. Here, Pvt. Walton Trohan, of Caplan, La., member of the Third Army, washes the face of an orphaned French boy somewhere near the German border.



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## Trash-Can Painter by Day, at Night He Turns to Art

CAMP VAN DORN, Miss.—Pfc. David Wyatt, of Tampa, Fla., professional artist, can proudly boast of displaying his easels before as many, if not more, art lovers than Botticelli and DaVinci. True, his portraits hung, not in the Metropolitan or the Louvre, but in front of the freak shows of Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey, but art is long and life is brief, as the M-G-M lion has long verified.

Private Wyatt, now a member of

the Station Hospital Reconditioning staff, is general handy-man in the Utility Department and during duty hours can be found painting an artist's "TRASH" on a GI bucket. But when retreat sounds, Wyatt turns to his first love—oil portraiture. His latest masterpiece is the story of war's effect on Man, spelled with a capital M. The first canvas shows Man being driven into the dark ages of the primeval beast—the dinosaur and brauto-saurus looking on with puzzled expressions. The second shows Man and Woman reborn—ascending into the heavens of a world free of war and hate.

But though this is the most pretentious painting he's attempted while in the Army, it was in civilian life that the 39-year-old artist achieved his greatest success. You may remember the model of Elsie the cow at the World's Fair in New York. Wyatt sculptured the exterior, painted on her long lashes and added the gentle sparkle in her big brown eyes.

A graduate of Cooper Union Art School in New York, Wyatt has been painting one thing or another since the age of 10. He's painted the portraits of the Man With Three Legs, Jojo the Dog-Faced Boy, the Fattest Man in the World, the World's Smallest Woman, and many other well-known circus characters.

## Soldiers Enter 'Living Hell' to Save Ammunition

WITH THE 96TH DIVISION, Somewhere in the Philippines.—Negro soldiers have played an important role in the landings in the Philippines.

Sgt. Clarence Jackson, of Washington, D. C., and T/5 Samuel Bry-one, of New York City, members of an amphibious tractor unit attached to the 96th Division, distinguished themselves by entering an ammunition dump which had caught fire and saved from destruction three huge amphibious trucks loaded with mortar and artillery shells.

"They entered a living hell to save the ammunition," commented S/Sgt. Robert Jones, of Roxbury, Mass.

## War Dept. Saves 13 Billions Thru War Production Shifts

WASHINGTON.—New figures revealing progress of production shifts and contract settlements, at a time when flexibility of war production is a prime factor in supplying the armed forces with the latest models of weapons and fighting equipment, were announced by the War Department Wednesday.

For the month ending Nov. 30, the War Department released 1478 contracts from one type of production and settled 1623 accumulated contracts for types of production no longer needed, according to Brig. Gen. D. N. Hausman, Director of the Readjustment Division, Army Service Forces. This action in November alone served to release the

Government from paying for \$110,718,000 of obsolete war material, with attendant release of manpower and facilities required for urgent war production.

A survey of all such adjustments to date showed that the War Department had stopped production on 32,611 fixed-price contracts, and had settled with contractors in 28,742 cases. Reflected in dollar volume, this action freed the Government from paying for \$13,617,862,000 worth of items no longer necessary to the prosecution of the war. Compared with total war expenditures from July, 1941, to date of over \$227 billion, this \$13 billion represents 6 per cent savings.

## Nazis Brand 88th 'Fighting Devils' So Division Becomes 'Blue Devils'

WITH THE 5TH ARMY, ITALY.—The Krauts themselves started it, the doughboys liked the idea, and the "Cloverleaves" became "Blue Devils."

From now on, the 88th Infantry Division, first all-Selective Service infantry division to enter combat on any front in this war and a unit of the 5th Army since its northward drive from the Carigliano River, will be known as the 88th "Blue Devil" Division.

Origin of the new nickname for the 88th—called the "Cloverleaf" Division during its World War campaign—dates back to the start of the big Allied drive last May. Several days after the 88th kicked off, captured Krauts began telling interrogators that Yank troops who swarmed into and through their Gustav Line positions "fought like devils."

The infamous "Sally of Berlin" devoted a couple of broadcasts to the 88th, and early in the push aired a complaint that doughboys of the 88th "did not fight like gentlemen" and were inclined to be a bit "bloodthirsty" about the whole business.

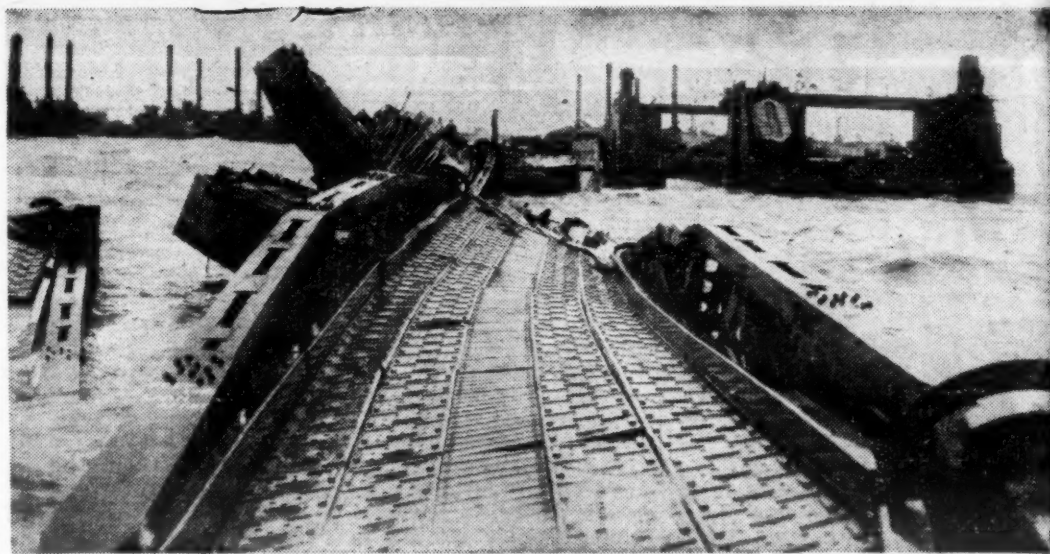
In a later spot, Sally got a little bitter about things and started referring to the 88th doughboys as "those Blue Devils." Sally never got around to explaining where the color motif came from, but Brigadier General Paul W. Kendall, of

Palo Alto, Calif., commanding general, offers the opinion it might be based on the blue crossed 8 shoulder patch, the official 88th insignia.



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AMID the shell-wrecked ruins in the attic of a home in Rurdorf, Germany, Cpl. Louis C. Reggio, radio operator, Washington, D. C., has set up his Artillery observation post and he's busy sending back results to a 105 mm. howitzer battery that is firing on a German command post on the opposite side of the Roer River.



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HIGH STORM played havoc with some of the Allied invasion plans in June, tragically evidenced by this view of the twisted beachhead bridge jutting out into the channel from France. Extent of the damage which hampered operations has just been made public.

## Army Ground Forces News

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY GROUND FORCES.—For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Saipan, Mariana Islands, Lt. Col. John Lemp, FA, of the Ground Plans and Training Section, headquarters, Army Ground Forces, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

In ceremonies held at the Army War College, the Combat Infantryman Badge was presented to T/5 William N. Dalton, Jr., member of Headquarters Company, who served 26 months with the 41st Infantry Division in the Pacific area.

HEADQUARTERS, ANTI-AIRCRAFT COMMAND.—Col. Frederick H. Fox, former chief of the AAC inspection team, has been assigned as chief of the Inspection and Technical Division. Colonel Fox served as battalion commander of antiaircraft attached to the 1st Infantry Division in the North African campaign.

Lt. Col. Francis E. Neagle, Jr., newly-assigned information and education officer for the Antiaircraft Command, is attending a four weeks' I and E course at the School for Personnel Services in Lexington, Va.

HEADQUARTERS, ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY SCHOOL.—Joining the staff and faculty, WOJG Floyd M. Powell has as-

sumed duty as supply officer in the Searchlight and Electrical Department.

HEADQUARTERS, ARMORED CENTER.—The 12th Battalion of the Armored Replacement Training Center has been reactivated as a part of the Third Training Regiment. The battalion is commanded by Maj. Paul White, Companies A and B by Capt. Thomas Wilson and Capt. Robert L. Baker.

Col. Clyde E. Steele has returned to duty with the Armored Replacement Training Center after an action-packed two months as an observer with the U. S. Seventh Army.

Acting Col. Robert J. McCormick, of Co. B, 6th Training Battalion, ARTC, has broken all existing Army road march records in an unprecedented run of 25 miles in 3 hours and 30 minutes flat, with full equipment. He had 27 minutes to spare in bettering the record of 3 hours and 57 minutes set by George W. Waterhouse of the Air Corps.

HEADQUARTERS, TANK DESTROYER CENTER.—Brig. Gen. Ernest J. Dawley, commanding, attended an AGF conference at Ft. McClellan, Ala.

Col. Beverly St. G. Tucker, Lt. Col. William E. Sherwood, Lt. Col. Charles J. Cronan and Lt. Col. Park W. Bailey departed for Ft. Knox, Ky., on temporary duty, in connection with tank destroyer activities.

HEADQUARTERS, ANTI-AIRCRAFT COMMAND.—Brig. Gen. Frank C. McConnell, acting commander of the Antiaircraft Command, and Brig. Gen. William Hesketh, commanding general of the Antiaircraft Artillery Replacement Training Center, at Fort Bliss, Tex., visited Fort McClellan, Ga., for an AGF conference on training matters.

HEADQUARTERS, FIELD ARTILLERY SCHOOL.—The 121st Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion, commanded by Maj. Charles W. Spann, joined the school troops of the Field Artillery School. The 121st was organized from a Nevada National Guard unit and has been on active duty since June 23, 1941.

Officers now with the battalion include 1st Lt. Thomas E. Costello, Jr., S-1; Capt. Albert W. Graham, Jr., S-2; 1st Lt. Norman P. Chesler, S-3; and Capt. James H. Crasty, S-4.

Battery commanders are Capt. Earle C. Mellett, Headquarters Battery; 1st Lt. Jack R. Barger, "A" Battery; Capt. Ernest L. Blakeslee, "B" Battery; 1st Lt. Robert L. Greene, "C" Battery, and Capt. Regis H. Kennedy, "D" Battery. Capt. Charles I. Schwartz is commander of the medical detachment.

The 769th Antiaircraft Artillery

Gun Battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. Erin E. Bentz, also arrived at Fort Sill to become the other AAA unit in the school troops. Others officers in the 769th include Maj. Morris W. Pettit, executive; 1st Lt. Vernon D. Ayres, S-1; Capt. Harold H. Key, S-2; Maj. Robert C. Erickson, S-3, and Capt. Leland B. Brandon, S-4.

## Poster Campaign Teaches GIs Care of Army Equipment

WASHINGTON.—A poster campaign is drumming into the minds of GIs the importance of taking care of their equipment.

Hung in barracks, mess halls, on camp bulletin boards and wherever the traffic is heavy, hundreds of thousands of attractive posters are reminding GI Joe that: "You've got what it takes, soldier, now take care of what you've got," or "Take care of your equipment and your equipment will take care of you."

Drawn by topflight artists and changed every two weeks, the posters hammer away at the conservation of such things as walkie-talkie batteries—"Save the juice for GI use"—coal, gas and even medical thermometers.

Charts show the difficulties of replacing tools and tool kits. Messages on the mess tables urge the soldier to "Take as much as you want, but eat what you take." Tags have sold the soldier on the care of his gas mask.

Every pair of GI shoes carries a tag announcing that the wearer can help Uncle Sam save \$6,000,000 a year if he takes care of them. The tags emphasize frequent use of a shoe conditioner which increases service, even though it doesn't produce a classy shine. Another campaign brought home to the officers the fact that comfort and wear are more important in shoes than a shiny gloss.

## GI Painting Unveiled at Van Dorn Chapel

CAMP VAN DORN, Miss.—A special dedication service was held at Chapel Number 3 to unveil the oil painting of Christ Jesus at Gethsemane, painted by Sgt. William Highducheck, Irwin, Pa., artist and a member of Service Company, 144th Infantry.

The portrait depicts Christ kneeling in prayer as revealed by the 26th Chapter of St. Matthew, 46th verse, and took approximately three weeks to complete. Sergeant Highducheck painted the portrait from a copy of the famous Hoffman masterpiece at the request of Chaplain Walter T. Reveley.

NOT a single case of tetanus among completely vaccinated troops has been reported in the entire American Army.



# 34 Pilots Have Downed 15 Or More Enemy Planes, Says AAF

WASHINGTON.—Army Air Forces has issued a list of 34 fighter pilots who have shot down 15 or more enemy planes up to Dec. 15.

Maj. Richard Bong, of Poplar, Wis., member of the 5th Air Force, tops the group with 38 planes destroyed, and dispatches from the Pacific have since added two to his total.

Maj. Thomas B. McGuire, of San Antonio, also of the 5th Air Force in the Southwest Pacific, is rated second high man with 30 planes, (later dispatches boosted his total to 38), while Lt. Col. Francis S. Gabreski, of Oil City, Pa., of the 8th Air Force, who became a prisoner of war while on a mission over Germany, is third with 28.

## Scoted by Cameras

The Air Force's announcement explained the procedure for scoring. Originally, claims of enemy planes destroyed were based on observation by the pilot or by supporting witnesses. An enemy plane was listed as destroyed only when it was seen to burn in the air or its pilot seemed to bail out.

Since Jan., 1943, Army fighter planes have been equipped with gun cameras which provide positive proof of whether and where the

enemy aircraft is hit. To claim a positive victory, a pilot's camera must show the crash or the mid-air explosion of the enemy plane or that its pilot bailed out.

If an Army fighter plane overshoots the enemy plane or it plunges out of sight into a cloud it is listed as "probably damaged" if the film shows sufficient hits in vital sections. If, however, the record of the film is augmented by visual evidence that the plane crashed or burned in the air or its pilot bailed out, it is listed as a "sure kill," air forces said.

The other fighter pilots listed among the high scorers and the number of planes they destroyed are as follows:

Maj. Robert S. Johnson, Lawton, Okla., 8th Air Force, 27.

Maj. George E. Preddy, Greensboro, N. C., 8th Air Force, 24.

Capt. Don S. Gentile, Piqua, O., 8th Air Force, 23.

Maj. Gerald T. Johnson, Eugene, Ore., 5th Air Force, 23.

Maj. Fred J. Christensen, Watertown, Mass., 8th Air Force, 22.

Col. Neel E. Kearby, Dallas, Tex., 5th Air Force, now listed as missing in action, 22.

## Missing in Action

Col. Glenn E. Duncan, Houston, Tex., 8th Air Force, who is missing in action, 21½ (fractional figures are given where more than one pilot helped in downing an enemy plane).

Capt. John J. Voll, Goshen, O., 15th Air Force, in Italy, 21.

Maj. Walker M. Mahurin, 927 Wildwood Avenue, Fort Wayne, Ind., 8th Air Force, 21.

Maj. Jay T. Robbins, Collidge, Tex., 5th Air Force, 21.

Lt. Col. Robert B. Westbrook, Hollywood, Calif., 13th Air Force (South Pacific), 20.

Col. Charles H. MacDonald, St. Petersburg, Fla., 5th Air Force, 20.

Lt. Col. Thomas J. Lynch, Cata-sauqua, Pa., 5th Air Force, killed in action, 20.

## Now Prisoner of War

Col. Hubert Zemke, Missoula, Mont., 8th Air Force, now a prisoner, 19½.

Lt. Col. David C. Schilling, Traverse City, Mich., 8th Air Force, 19.

Col. David L. Mill, Victoria, Tex., 14th Air Force, in China, 18½.

Capt. John T. Godfrey, Woonsocket, R. I., 8th Air Force, a prisoner, 18.

Lt. Col. Herschel H. Green, Mayfield, Ky., 15th Air Force, 18.

Capt. Duane W. Beeson, Boise, Idaho, 8th Air Force, 18.

Maj. Walker Carl Beckham, De-funiak Springs, Fla., 8th Air Force, a prisoner, 18.

Maj. Don M. Beerbower, Hill City, Minn., 9th Air Force, in European theater of operations, 17½.

Capt. James S. Varnell, Charles-

ton, Tenn., 15th Air Force, 17.

Capt. Cyril F. Homer, Sacramento, Calif., 5th Air Force, 17.

Maj. Edward Cragg, Cos Cob, Conn., 5th Air Force, missing in action, 17.

Capt. Glen T. Eagleston, Alhambra, Calif., 9th Air Force, 16½.

Lt. Col. William N. Reed, Marion, Iowa, 14th Air Force, 16½.

Maj. George S. Welch, Wilmington, Del., 5th Air Force, 16.

Lt. Col. Richard E. Turner, Bartlesville, Okla., 9th Air Force, 16.

Maj. Samuel J. Brown, Tulsa, Okla., 15th Air Force, 15½.

Maj. Bill Harris, Springville, Calif., 13th Air Force, South Pacific, 15.

Capt. Richard A. Peterson, Alexandria, Minn., 8th Air Force, 15.

## Army Quiz

1. Adm. Dewitt Ramsey, of the Bureau of Aeronautics, prophesies postwar planes travelling at the rate of sound, over 700 miles per hour. How fast would a plane travel if it equalled the speed of light?

- A. 7000 miles per hour?
- B. 50,000 miles per minute?
- C. 186,000 miles per second?

2. Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's 7th Army invaded the German Palatinate last week. Do you know what the Palatinate is?

3. As you know, U. S. forces are now established on Mindoro, as they are also on Saipan. Mindoro is nearer Tokyo than Saipan. True? False?

4. Notwithstanding the territory gained by the Allied invasion there are still 60,000 British subjects, not war prisoners, living under German military rule. Would you say they were—

- A. In Norway?
- B. In the Channel Islands?
- C. In Poland?

5. United States' soldiers returning home from the European front last week were known as "The three R's." Can you tell why?

6. Four toprank Army officers have recently been made five-star generals. Can you name them?

7. The Japanese are calling the battle for Leyte "The Battle of the Philippines." How far is Leyte from the Philippine capital, Manila?

- A. 1200 miles?
- B. 320 miles?
- C. 96 miles?

8. "Night focus cats" were flying over Germany last week. Are they—

A. German planes controlling V-2 bombs by radio?

B. Jet planes which could be seen in the light of their fuel discharge?

C. Allied night aerial photographers?

9. Soldiers of the 41st Division in the Southwest Pacific were polled on this question: "What single piece of GI equipment you have used in this theater would you want to purchase for civilian use?" Their answers were conclusive. Would you think they would choose—

- A. The canteen?
- B. The Army bedroll.
- C. The Garand rifle.

10. The three Ks—Kennedy, Kreuger and Kincaid—are spearheading United States' Pacific operations. Can you give their commands?

(See "Quiz Answers," page 15.)

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READYING for a busy day in a field near an Army headquarters in France, Wac Pfc. Frances M. Thornton, of San Francisco, brushes her teeth while Cpl. Mary H. Lacour, of San Diego, Calif., picks up her toilet kit for morning ablutions.

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WITH THE YANKS ON THE WESTERN FRONT.—A single, battered regiment of Yank doughboys fought off continued waves of a division of Germans for 48 hellish hours and thereby saved the City of Luxembourg.

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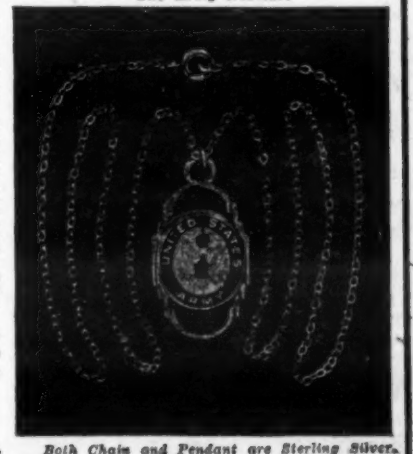
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## Went AWOL for a Week to Avoid Commission Award

HEADQUARTERS, 3RD DIVISION, Mediterranean Theater.—

The story of how Sgt. Max R. Hendon, of the 15th Regiment, refused to accept a well-earned commission, and went AWOL for a week to avoid getting it is now being told here.

Sergeant Hendon had been given command of a 40-man company on the summit of Monte Lungo, when Yank troops were battling the Nazis in the Cassino region. As a result of his leadership the company held their position, in spite of repeated enemy attacks. He was decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross, and for other outstanding action was given the Distinguished Unit Citation badge.

Hearing that a commission was coming his way he disappeared and was absent for a week. Then he was picked up and escorted to Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, who plinned on, despite protestations, his gold bars. He was one of the first men in the 15th to get battle promotions.

Since receiving his commission Lieutenant Hendon has been commander of his old company and a patrol leader. He was commander of the 15th Battle Patrol through the breakthrough at Anzio, and later has been Third Battalion Intelligence Officer.



—Signal Corps Photo

IN HIS TRAVELS through France, Belgium and Germany, Pvt. Forest Darr, of Zanesville, O., collected numerous German medals, which are being examined by Cpl. Marvin Wells, of Bluefield, W. Va. Both soldiers are with a Field Artillery battalion of the 104th infantry Division, First Army, somewhere in Germany.



# Gee-Gees Put Out to Pasture

## Razzle-Dazzle on Bowl Games' Menu

WASHINGTON.—When football-hungry fans are served their favorite dish in bowls New Year's Day many expect the games to make up in action what they lack in glamour.

With Army, Navy, Ohio State and service teams stealing the headlines through the regular season, comparative unknowns were extended bowl bids. It didn't make any difference to the fans. They wanted football on New Year's Day, and the tickets went faster than cigarettes at a corner drug.

Despite the so-so records, most teams will take into the holiday games, the contests shape up as free-scoring, razzle-dazzle affairs.

Tulsa, for example, has one of the best offensive teams in the country, but has a leaky defense. Georgia Tech has as good an offense and a little stronger defense. The Rambling Wreck is rated a touch-down better in the Orange Bowl.

The Southern Cal Trojans loom a little too big and too tough for the Tennessee Volunteers. The Vols will probably outspeed the Trojans in the opening period, but weight and power should pay off in the final score. The Pacific Coast team has a two-touchdown edge in the Rose Bowl.

Neither Alabama nor Duke rates their 1944 teams with those of other years but, nevertheless, the Sugar Bowl contest shapes up as the best

game of the day. Evenly matched, both teams have what it takes to cross goal lines and neither team objects to a gambling play. Those who know football best figure that Duke has a slight edge on the basis of its late-season play.

The Cotton Bowl features two teams from the same region. Texas Christian won the Texas Conference, but had a tough time taking the bunting. Oklahoma Aggies lost only to Norman Naval in compiling a swell record. The Aggies pitch that ball around and should outscore the Horned Frogs by a touch-down or so.

The East-West game shapes up as a football natural. Both the Orphans and the East should find the afternoon very satisfactory. With two sound backfields to spell each other, the East has too much reserve strength for the West—but history has shown how little value dope is in this traditional contest.

The Blue-Gray game will probably be blue for the Grey. With three representatives in bowl games the southern team had fewer men to choose from in making up a squad.



—Army Air Forces Photo

ANTI-EXPOSURE suit, designed for wear by airmen who may be forced to take to the water from disabled aircraft, was tested when Sgt. Leon Bryan parachuted into Indian Lake, near Dayton, O., at a demonstration of AAF Air Technical Service Command. Sergeant Bryan, with four other Army men, jumped from a C-47 transport. Note the backward drag of the chute. Rescue boat is at left.

## Byrnes Orders Race Tracks Closed Jan. 2

WASHINGTON.—Any galloping the gee-gees do after January 2 will be for exercise and not for the benefit of Joe Betadeuce following a track-closing order from James Byrnes, director of War Mobilization and Reconversion.

It was the first crack-down on sports since the start of the war and includes all horse and dog tracks in the nation.

Byrnes also suggested to General Hershey that it might be a good idea to review the cases of athletes, who were able to stand the grind of tough, hard sports and yet were unable to pass armed forces physicals. General Hershey said the idea was swell and draft boards have been ordered to review cases with an eye toward noting improvements in physical disabilities which prevented induction.

The track closing was due to a number of circumstances. Absenteeism at war plants near race tracks had been exceptionally high. There are many men working working around tracks who are needed in war plants. The moving of horses about the country was crowding transportation facilities. There is also a faint hope that "bookies" in many cities might go to work.

### People Getting Sour

The suggested rescreening of athletes came as the result of feeling among many people that if a person could play 150 games of baseball, fight or play pro football they should be able to tote a rifle.

There were mixed reactions to the order. The majority of horsemen were willing to close down if it would help the war effort. A few, however, felt that they were being made the fall guys for all sports.

"The morale angle of baseball and football has been overplayed," they said. "They're in the business for money the same as we are. If they're going to close tracks they should put an end to all sports."

Baseball men repeated their "we've never asked any favors" line and added that they believed baseball would continue as long as nine men were around for a team.

Fight managers practically dittoed baseball, while pro football heads hoped that the situation would ease before the next season rolled around.

### Fans In Full Accord

The fellows affected the most, John Q. Fans, were unanimous in okaying the order if it would shorten the war by one day. They admitted they'll miss the ponies—but are missing sons and the guy next door a helluva lot more.

The order accents a problem faced by those who are attempting to increase production. Anything they can do to get manpower will be done. There is also the question of war-bond sales and if a share of the bucks that have been bet and spent on sport goes into the U. S. Treasury, Uncle Sam will be ahead.

The suggested rescreening of athletes follows on the heel of an order from the War Department stating that great care should be used in discharging movie, sports or other individuals in the public eye. Too many Americans were wondering how Mr. Big got a discharge when their boys were kept in uniform.

It was quite a Christmas present Mr. Byrnes gave the sporting world. Some are doubting Santa Claus.

## Laud Negro Nurses

CAMP MCCOY, Wis.—The record of Negro nurses in training at Camp McCoy was lauded by McCoy officials who reviewed the work of the Negro classes at the station hospital, and Col. David L. Robeson, hospital commander, added his praise.

## 1944 Sports Were Just So-So But Turnstiles Madly Twirl

WASHINGTON.—1944 was a strange sports year—with but a handful of first class performers it was a record-buster at the box office.

Most sports featured 4-Fs, discharges, creaking veterans and unshaven rookies but the fans assumed a "wot-th-ell" attitude and played a merry tune on the cash registers.

It was also a year of four-leaf clovers—a year of Cinderella stories.

Utah was the first team to skip in before the stroke of 12. Beaten in the National Invitation Basketball Tournament the Utes bounced back to win the National A. A. championship and then walloped St. John's for the national title.

The St. Louis Browns were another clover packing club. With a so-so line-up the Browns took an early lead in the AL pennant chase, folded and then came back to conclude the season and sew up the title by beating the Yanks four straight. They misplaced their clovers in the World Series and were soft touches for the Cardinals, who had made a walk-away of the NL race.

Steve Owens' Giants admit they were a bit lucky. With pre-season ambitions of winning a game or so the Giants suddenly found themselves in the play-offs before either they or New York fans really realized what was happening. Their luck ran out in the championship game—but few heard any Giant squawks—\$800 are \$800.

Hero worshipping track fans boasted the ability of Stir Up, Pensive and By Jimmy in that order through the season and then settled for a bit of heroine worship. Twilight Tear won horse-of-the-year honors—the first filly to take the number one spot. The Tear reached her peak by beating Devil Diver in a breeze but at that the lovely lassie had to take back seat when betting and track attendance records were discussed. Plenty of dollars poured through Iron Mike—and as many longshots as usual hit the wire.

Arne Andersson and Gunder the Wonder Haegg broke a number of records while chasing each other around the ovals. Andersson came out on top with a flashy 4.01.6 for

the mile while the Wonder had to settle for a 4.02. Both speedsters had to play second fiddle to Alan Ford's dazzling 49.7 seconds for a 100-yard free-stroke swim. The mark is comparable to a four-minute mile.

### Spotlight on Jack

With Bronx Bomber touring the world in a sergeant's uniform Beau Jack took the spotlight in the swing and swat world. Beau attracted 56,000 customers and \$330,000 for three hours work—but Uncle Mike Jacobs had to watch that meal ticket join Sgt. Joe Louis in the Army. Since Beau's induction Uncle Mike has been feeding the faithful a strange mixture of would-be sluggers and club fighters.

With low scores Byron Nelson hit a new high in the golfing world, \$33,000 in prizes. Nelson had some stiff competition from Jug McSpaden and now that Slamin' Sammy Snead is back on the links his scores must go down if the prizes are to stay up.

Welker Cockran beat Willie Hoppe for the billiard championship and Sgt. Frankie Parker won

the national tennis championship after 15 years of trying.

The Montreal Canadiens captured the league championship and the Stanley Cup. Buddy Bomar won the bowling crown.

One of the finest records in football history was compiled by the West Point Cadets. A great defensive and offensive eleven, it was rated as the best in the nation, with Randolph Field running a close second. Most observers were willing to bet either team could beat any pro or college club in the nation. Army's Doc Blanchard and Glenn Davis will long be remembered as the T-formation's great combination. Line-busting Blanchard and fleet-footed Davis gave many coaches grey hairs.

Sports have completed a third year as a wartime diversion and, everything considered, they have done well.

## Butner Beats Duke

CAMP BUTNER, N. C.—Smashing Duke, one of the best college basketball teams in this area, by a 50-49 score, Camp Butner notched its third victory against one loss before 3500 spectators.

## Van Cott to Be Rich Prize for Dodgers at War's End

HOLABIRD SIGNAL DEPOT, Baltimore, Md.—Expected to play an important part in extricating the Brooklyn Dodgers from the National League mire at war's end is Clayton H. Van Cott, 6.4 southpaw, now with the 546th Sig. Base Dep. Co.

Pitching semi-pro ball, Van Cott caught Larry McPhail's eye, was signed to a Brooklyn contract and sent to Johnstown, Pa. Next season found him with Durham, N. C., where he won 17 and lost 4 in one month. Shifted to Montreal, his twirling was so promising he was called to the Dodgers, but along came Uncle Sam to sign him for the biggest of the majors.

Sent to Fort Monmouth, N. J., he joined the pitching staff of Camp Wood's team last year and beat the Philadelphia Athletics 1-0; the Chicago Cubs 3-2 in 12 innings, and lost a thriller to the Yankees, 5-3. However, he had the rare pleasure



CLAYTON H. VAN COTT

of striking out Charlie Keller three times.

## Jockey Rides Chute to Win

CAMP CARSON, Colo.—Riding a "chute is a little bit tougher than booting home a nag, confesses Pfc. Donald G. Kelley, pint-sized paratrooper and former jockey.

Kelley weighs only 112 pounds, but that was no obstacle to him covering himself with glory in North Africa, Sicily, Italy and France.

A shell peppered him with shrapnel in Normandy. Now he is recuperating at the convalescent hospital here.

Before entering the Army the "midget" paratrooper won two \$50,000 purses and many others for his stable. He has three brothers fighting the Heinies.

## Athletic Group to Give Keesler Tops in Sports

KEESLER FIELD, Miss.—GIs at this AAF Training Command station will soon become members of one of the largest military athletic and recreation associations in the nation.

Plans were announced recently for the formation of the Keesler Field Athletic and Recreation Association, complete with a 12-article constitution and a board of directors of nine members. It is planned to offer season memberships to all sections which will admit enlisted men to all athletic contests of this station. Under the new plan the highest type of athletic entertainment will be made available to Keesler fans and the finest college and service teams of the South will be brought here.

## 93,400 Fans See Lee's Travelers

CAMP LEE, Va.—Playing a nine-game schedule during the 1944 grid campaign, the Camp Lee Travelers outdrew every major college and service football team in the State. The Big Green eleven appeared before an estimated total of 93,400 fans. Of this number, 58,000 saw the Leemen play five home games,





"Ah cain't agree. You Irish woulda lost this war without allies like Texas an' Russia."

## SPORTS CHAT

**FORT LOGAN, Colo.**—Calling Victory League games this season is none other than Cliff Ogden, who for 14 years officiated for every college in Kansas and for most of the collegiate squads in Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma. On many of these occasions he teamed up with E. C. Quigley, famous referee and now athletic director of Kansas U. "We've been run out of some of the biggest towns in the mid-west," Ogden quips. Before entering the Army, Ogden worked the girls' national AAU tournament for five years. He's now a PT instructor here.

**CAMP LEE, Va.**—On Uncle Sam's Army books he's listed as Sgt. T. C. Standiford, of the 78th Quartermaster Training Company, but in the sports world he's Tommy Corbett, former light-heavyweight king of Australia and holder of the Pacific Coast light-heavy title. The sergeant, now 39, started right in as a pro in 1924, and chalked up 275 wins in 350 fights, and among his opponents were such topnotchers as Mickey Walker, Tommy Loughran and Young Stribling. Corbett recently came here from Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyo., where he coached the 16th Regt. boxing team which copped 23 of 25 bouts at a national tourney in Denver. He also coached at McClellan Field, Calif.

**MCCLELLAN FIELD, Calif.**—Pvt. Bill Stevenson, who placed on the Pacific Coast all-star basketball team as a member of the Commanders last spring, is now reported to be with the 7th Air Force in Hawaii. After leaving this station, Stevenson spent about six months on Saipan. With the Commanders, Private Stevenson was the leading point getter and was rated one of the country's top basketballers.

**BAINBRIDGE FIELD, Ga.**—Vigorous movement of personnel on the field has taken a number of the players from the basketball squad, compelling withdrawal of the Bainbridge team from the league, according to announcement by Lt. Paul Fowler.

**FORT BLISS, Tex.**—Classy 326th AAA Searchlight Bn. cage squad has chalked up 28 victories in its current campaign. The Searchlighters incurred a tough break a few weeks ago when they lost their crack center, Les Greener, but Coach John Wieting found hidden ability in other members of the team to survive the blow. Pitted against

mighty tough opposition, the 326th has been taken over the jumps, but twice—losing to the 52d AARTC Bn., and the Alamogordo Air Base.

## Congress Would Establish Sportsmen Paradise for GIs

**WASHINGTON.**—Congress is readying a vast program designed to insure the returned serviceman ample opportunities to fish and hunt.

These activities are deemed of high value in easing the frayed nerves the battle-weary will bring home with them.

Chairman Robertson, of a House committee on conservation of wildlife, said the first problem is one of sufficient public hunting grounds. "We have 175,000,000 acres of national forest land, but it needs to be improved by re-stocking and bettering feed conditions," he said.

Robertson favors state and national governments working cooperatively to make retreat areas out of marginal and sub-marginal land

## Best Grid Play in Midwest, Says Poll

**NEW YORK.**—That the brand of football played in the Midwest is best was the overwhelming expression in the recent football poll by Esquire.

On other questions, it was the opinion colleges should open up their play more and that subsidization and a national czar are not wanted in college football.

The answer to the question: "From the spectator standpoint would you rather watch college, pro or high school football?" brought the following percentages: College, 62.35 per cent; pro, 29.74 per cent; high school, 7.91 per cent.

Given the choice of three coaches, pollsters voted for Lt. Col. Bernie Bierman, of the Marines and Minnesota; Lt. (jg.) Frank Leahy, of the Navy and Notre Dame, and Lt. (jg.) Paul Brown, of Great Lakes and Ohio State.

## 29 Are Decorated

**HEADQUARTERS, 92nd Infantry Division, Italy.**—A total of seven Silver Star Medals and 22 Bronze Star Medals have been awarded Negro Doughboys of the 92nd "Buffalo" Division for gallantry and heroism in combat, the War Department announces.

## Pro Gridiron Training Pays Off Against Japs

**CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.**—Professional football experience paid off one day up on Attu for Capt. William S. Clark, now commanding officer of Co. B, 95th Inf. Tng. Bn. here.

The former blocking back of the Chicago Bears was on the open terrain of a slope on the Aleutian

## Chaplain Trains 'Em Physically and Spiritually

**FORT LEWIS, Wash.**—An Army chaplain who looks after the physical as well as the spiritual welfare of his GI flock, Lt. William L. Sturtevant, of Portsmouth, Va., is an ex-Emory University football star, now stationed at Fort Lewis Army Service Forces training center.

The chaplain, besides lending a sympathetic ear to Joe's tale of woe, also functions as recreation director for the 154th Medical Training Battalion, a unit composed of men whose temporary physical disabilities prevent them from being placed immediately in rugged training schedules.

This "doubling in brass" is nothing new for the 26-year-old chaplain. While serving his first congregation at Oakliffe Methodist Church in Norfolk, Va., he coached South Norfolk High School teams in his spare time.

Chaplain Sturtevant's interest in athletics is natural. His father was "Doc" Sturtevant, catcher with the Brooklyn Dodgers back in 1908.

island. Suddenly, he caught sight of a movement about 20 feet from him. To his astonishment, he saw a big Mongol Jap soldier emerge from a spider hole. The Jap, who was about 6 feet tall and weighed around 220 pounds, uttered a wild cry and rushed for the American officer. He was waving a huge knife.

Captain Clark, only a few minutes earlier, had cleared out a trio of snipers with his pistol, and had not had time to put it back in order. He grabbed his own little knife with one hand, still holding the pistol with the other. As the Jap soldier lunged for him, he used hands and arms to block the thrust. The American's knife was broken in the first clash, and the Jap blade cut down across Captain Clark's body, inflicting a long flesh wound.

Captain Clark, in the ensuing struggle for life, managed to back away and free himself long enough to get a couple of bullets into his pistol. Before the enemy soldier could complete his next lunge, Captain Clark fired both cartridges. The enraged Mongol toppled over, mortally wounded.

## Cowboy Star Does MP Job on Jap Horse

**WITH THE 96th INFANTRY DIVISION ON LEYTE, P. I.**—Pfc. Marion West, 22, former cowboy and rodeo star from Weed, N. M., is back in the stirrups again, chaps, boots and spurs, and satisfied with and qualified for his assignment. He's the only mounted military policeman on this island.

The former bronc-buster astride his handsome horse, which is one of scores captured from the Japanese in Leyte valley, is a common sight galloping along the roads bearing traffic to and from the front lines. A snarl in the movement of mechanized vehicles finds Private West riding up and straightening out the situation. Then, wheeling his steed around, he'll dash off on another trouble-shooting mission.

When the mounts were seized from the enemy, a call went out for someone with knowledge of horses. West answered the call, slapped a Jap saddle on a Jap dobbie and became the boss man. His commanding officer says he is doing a splendid job in helping to keep things rolling.

As for West, he's happily proud to be back in the saddle again.

## Only Veteran Ump Finds 'Yer Out' Staff Filled

**CHICAGO.**—The problem of the returning soldier has smacked major league baseball just where everybody least expected—in the umpire department.

Art Passarella, only American League umpire to serve in the armed forces, has doffed his Army khaki and reached for the arbiter blues, only to find the junior circuit's "yer-out" staff well filled.

President Will Harridge admits Passarella's sudden return from his sergeant's post at the Fort Sheridan (Ill.) prisoner of war camp has created a dilemma.

"We took on two new umpires—Jim Boyer, from the American Association, and Nick (Red) Jones, of the Southern Association—when Art left two seasons ago," Harridge

said. "Both Boyer and Jones did exceptionally well last season, so now the league has 13 capable umpires and needs only 12."

The league president said that "something probably will be worked out" to place Passarella back on the staff. "We'll have to look him over in spring training, however, to see if he's in shape and can step right back into big-league company," he added.

## Gets MSU Plaque

**CAMP EDWARDS, Mass.**—For distinguishing himself during and after the hurricane of Sept. 14-15 the 1114th Service Command Unit here has been awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque.

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"The thing that bothers me is they're gonna have jobs waiting for us!"

Yeah, but Hart Schaffner & Marx suits will be waiting, too. That's not sarong, is it?

The adventures of Pvt. Jonathan Jeep appear regularly in this space. Watch for this feature!



## The Mess Line

There was a young girl from Australia  
Who went to a dance as a dahlia,  
When the petals uncured,  
It revealed to the world  
That the dahlia, as a dress, was a failure.

Knees are a luxury. If you don't think so, just try to get hold of one.

A nut at the wheel,  
A peach at his right,  
A curve in the road,  
Fruit salad tonight?

The stork is one of the mystics  
And inhabits a number of districts  
It doesn't yield plumes  
Or sing any tunes  
But helps with the vital statistics.

A fan dancer in the final analysis  
is only a nudist with a cooling system.

The struggle in the Pacific is  
pretty much of a tug-of-war:  
Yanks on one side; Jerks on the other.

Modern maiden's prayer: "Bring him back safe, sound, and single."

A girlie whose name doesn't matter  
Found herself getting fatter and fatter,  
She dieted so well, now she looks like hell  
And there isn't a place you can patter.

Some girls are like a zipper nightgown—  
just pull one little thing and it's all off.

She sat on the bridge in the moonlight  
And tickled his face with her toes  
For she was a lovely mosquito  
And the bridge was the bridge of his nose.

Little Miss Muffett, sat on a tuffet  
Knitting against the clock,  
She sitted and sitted, and knitted and knitted,  
But the sweater turned out to be a sock!!

Reno legend: Marry in haste—  
repeat at leisure.

Rockabye baby  
In the tree top,  
Better not fall,  
It's a helluva drop.

ADVICE TO THE WAYWARD  
Remember this advice, my sweet,  
Memorize it completely  
If ever you are indiscreet,  
Be indiscreet—discreetly.

Susie has a nice new skirt  
So neat, so bright, so choosy,  
It never shows a speck of dirt  
But say, how it shows Susie!!

CO to his Adj.: "Lt., I think  
you better check that man's record.  
Everytime he fires that gun,  
he wipes off his fingerprints."

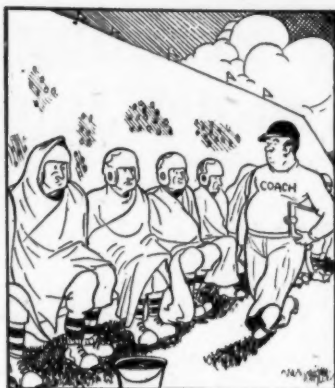
The saddest words  
Of tongue or pen  
Are: "Tomorrow you're on  
Latrine again."

The slowest thing in the world  
is a nudist climbing over a barbed wire fence.

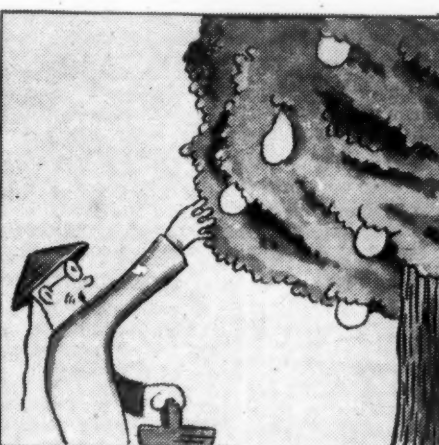
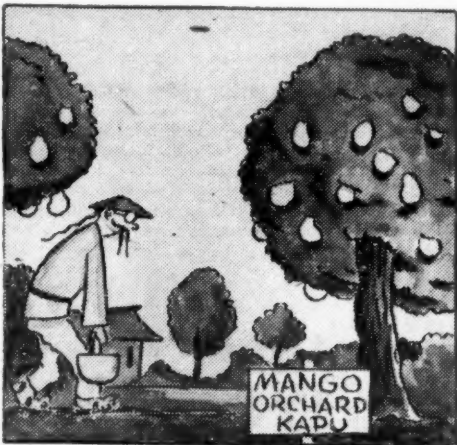
There was a sailor named Tell  
Who met up with a luscious belle,  
She was so full of charms  
That he's still in her arms  
And now he's AWOL.

### Has Fine Record

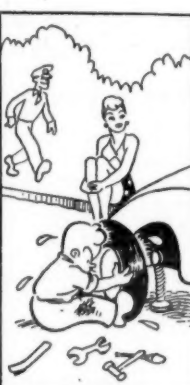
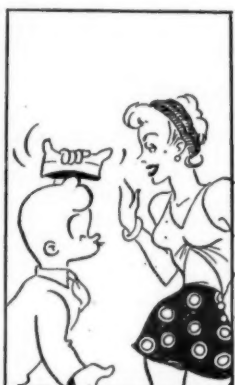
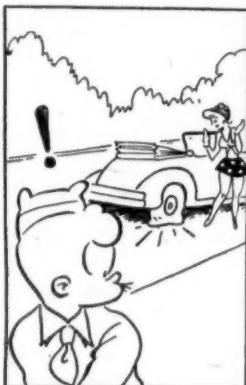
GODMAN FIELD, Ky. — The 616th Bomb Squadron, part of the all-Negro 477th Bomb Group, proudly boasts that it has flown over 300 days without an accident of any kind.



## Cyclone Mose

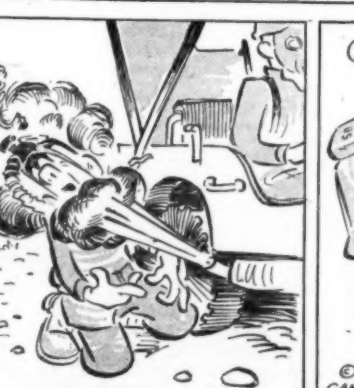
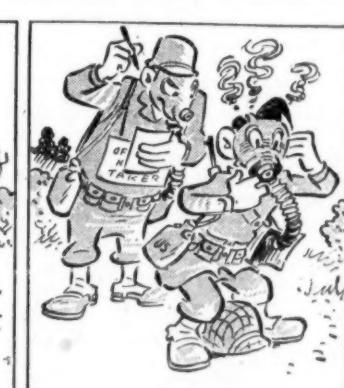
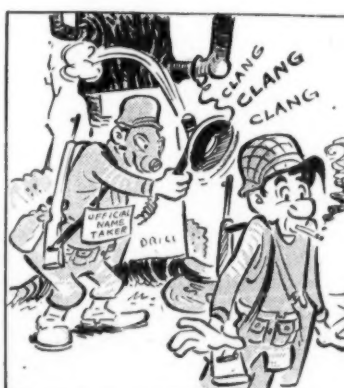
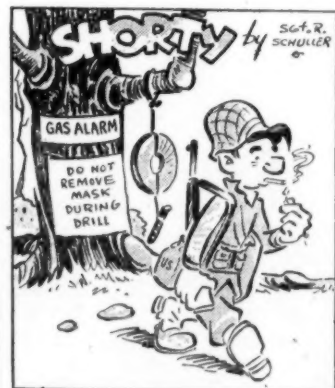


## Pvt. Goldie Brick



Cpl. Dean "Doc" Davis, Sheppard Field, Tex.

By Sgt. R. Schuller, Camp Pinedale, Calif., Unit of 4th AAF



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# Book Notes

"UNTIL THEY EAT STONES" by Russell Brines. (J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia. \$3)

"The Allied soldier goes to war with the hope and thought that he best can show his love for wife and children, or parents, by helping win the engagement as quickly as possible and returning, whole, to share with them a new life in a better world. The Japanese soldier goes into battle with the conviction that his loyalty and devotion can be shown most fully by dying in his emperor's service, thereby bringing honor to those he treasures."

"... If he is killed, he will do the duty toward which he has pointed all his life; he will be enshrined at Yasukuni; his family, honored, also will receive an imperial grant which will make them richer than they ever anticipated. With the sum at last they may own the land they love. Pride and relief will erase the wrinkles on the faces of parents he has been taught to revere. He himself will escape the fate of enslavement to the farm and more debt and work. The cost is merely death, which is nothing."

Thus is explained one phase of the philosophy which provokes suicide charges against American lines, grenade suicides and the many incomprehensible acts on the part of the Japanese soldiers.

But in writing this book Author Brines does not attempt to explain or analyze the Japanese mind of philosophy—he describes it and describes it well, from his viewpoint as a correspondent, political prisoner and civilian internee.

Mr. Brines was interned in Manila after that city fell to the Japanese, transferred to Shanghai and later repatriated. But his book is more than a diary of life in Jap concentration camps, although his descriptions of life are excellent. It is a sound, comprehensive study of Japanese occupation.

Written in a very readable style the book describes the Japanese military, political and economic policies in the many conquered Far East nations. Although the author never makes the comparison, it is obvious from his descriptions that the American characterization of a "hissing smile and knife in the back" is not too far removed from the truth in describing big shot Jap leaders.

Yet despite the harsh treatment accorded the conquered nations, the demands put upon them by the conquerors and the starvation diet they are limited to, Mr. Brines anticipates considerable controversy following liberation due to the high-powered propaganda campaign waged by the Japanese. Pointing up the "Asia for the Asiatics" argument the Japanese have found many converts who will not welcome the return of white supremacy.

But before the return of that white supremacy the Allies, and particularly the United States, have a tough job on their hands before Japan is defeated. Entrenched in wide-spread areas, enriched by the spoils of war, Japanese are prepared to fight to the bitter end. In Burma, Indo-China and the Philippines they have built up strong fortifications. In China they have built up another country—a strong country.

But even more important at home, in the Japanese islands, the natives are prepared to fight "until we eat stones!"

For those who are interested in the Pacific war, for those who would like to understand the motivating powers of an enemy, Russell Brines has written a good book. For those who have but a fleeting interest in the Far East, Russell Brines has written a book which will stimulate a greater interest. The book is interesting, presumably factual, and highly informative. Good Reporter Brines has done an excellent job.



"DRESS 'EM UP IN '45" is the New Year's resolution of the pix editor, so he's selected Maria Montez, Universal star, and is leaving everything to your imagination.

## ALL PRESENT OR ACCOUNTED FOR

The soldier-actor troop from Hollywood, had a real laugh the other day when T/Sgt. Lee Cavish, getting his men together for a picture-shot, noted that some were missing. "I see we're not all here," noted Cavish. "Who's missing?" And getting no reply, he tried again: "Will all the missing men speak up, please?"

As a civilian, the dips of a roller coaster did funny things to the nerves and stomach of S/Sgt. Thomas Sinnickson, Center Horiches, L. I., now at Redistribution Station No. 1, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. But 25 missions in an A-20 dive bomber in the Southwest Pacific cured him. "On my first mission," he says, "the plane dived 11,000 feet at 300 miles per hour to bomb a Jap ship. That fixed me."

His buddies at BROOKS FIELD, Tex., have recently heard T/Sgt. Donald T. Kirkton saying "Sir" to himself. Nobody else says it here, but if he were in Paraguay...

The explanation is that Kirkton was recently given a commission, accompanied by wings, in the Paraguayan air force, for excellent work done while on an air mission in that country in 1943, when he was assembling and servicing American-made planes for the Paraguayan air force.

"Anyone can be an artist if he'll work at it," says Cpl. Wright W. Putney, who conducts an art class at the service club at BOCA RATON FIELD, Fla. Putney has won fame in portrait-painting, and attributes his success to hard work and "setting his mind to it," rather than to any genius or heredity.

That "Tuya" in Mexico means "Yours," wasn't known to S/Sgt. Bill Crocker, of HONDO FIELD, Tex., when he bought a ring while he was on an expedition across the border, inscribed with that word. Crocker asked the first bartender he contacted what the word meant and when the guy said "Yours," Bill said, "Of course it's mine, but what does it mean?" After some two hours and 13 drinks, accompanied by argument, both guys went away thinking the other was the dumbest person he ever met.

### Quiz Answers

(See "ARMY QUIZ" page 11)

1. C.
2. An area of some 2124 miles which includes the German Saar region. The name came from Count Palatine, who was one of the officials of the Holy Roman Empire.
3. False. Mindoro is almost 500 miles further from Tokyo. Saipan to Tokyo. 1465 miles. Mindoro to Tokyo. 1950 miles.
4. B.
5. The three Rs stand for Rehabilitation, Recuperation, Recovery.
6. Gen. George C. Marshall, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Gen. H. H. Arnold.
7. B.
8. C. The night photographic planes now use flash bulbs 8000 times as bright as daytime news-flash bulbs.
9. C.
10. Lt. Gen. George C. Kenny, Air Force Chief; Lt. Gen. Walter Kreuger, commanding 6th Army; Admiral Thomas Kincaid, commanding 7th fleet.

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Col. Denison Named CAMP POLK, La.—Col. Walcott Denison, recently returned from

nearly three years' service in the South Pacific, has assumed command of Polk's Regional Hospital.

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## Army Increases Draft 20,000 for Jan.-Feb.

WASHINGTON. — The War Department announces that the Director of Selective Service has been requested to increase the Army's January and February calls from 60,000 to 80,000.

Since last July the War Department has called on the Selective Service for a smaller number of men than the estimated requirements. This procedure was fol-

lowed while the Army was engaged in combing its ranks for organizations no longer required in existing numbers under the changed situation, and for those young men physically suitable for arduous field service who were engaged in other work.

Under this system 100 battalions of antiaircraft have been retrained for duty as infantrymen and other antiaircraft men have been retrained as individual infantry replacements. The Army Air Forces were called on to turn over 55,000 men to the Ground Forces for training as replacements and a similar call was made on the Army Service Forces for 25,000. Somewhat the same procedure has been followed in overseas theaters.

By this procedure the deficit between the monthly quota from Selective Service and the actual requirements for new organizations and for battle replacements has been met. At the same time this procedure has expedited the whittling down of continental over-heads, units no longer urgently required and young men engaged in jobs which older men could satisfactorily perform. In this manner the Selective Service calls have been held to 60,000 a month, but the time has now arrived when it is necessary to make the increase indicated above, to 80,000 a month.

Whether or not it will be necessary to continue the 80,000 rate in March and April will be determined later.

The Army has thus done its share in producing the required infantrymen before it has called upon the Nation for its necessary additional quota.

### Non-Combatant But Always in Stiffest Action

WITH THE U. S. FORCES IN FRANCE.—Because he's a medical officer, Maj. Arthur L. Cooper, of Somerset, Ky., is technically a non-combatant.

But—He was torpedoed off Oran. He received the Silver Star for gallantry at El Cuettar, Tunisia.

He was awarded the Bronze Star medal for his work on D-Day.

He was wounded in action on D-Day.

Major Cooper has completely recovered from his wounds, and he is now in Germany as regimental surgeon with a unit of the famous "Fighting 1st Division."

## Wacs Celebrate Holidays at All the War Fronts

WASHINGTON. — New Years, 1942, found five Wacs who had been torpedoed en route from England spending their first New Year's day in North Africa. New Years, 1943, found companies of Wacs in England, North Africa and Italy. New Years, 1944, will see more than 15,000 Wacs serving almost everywhere 'round the world that Yank troops have been sent.

Wacs were making Christmas trees from the tropical foliage in New Caledonia. They were wish-



WINTER fighting has been most severe for Yank troops in Germany because of the unusually heavy snows and extreme cold. Second Division Infantrymen here crouch in a snow-filled ditch, seeking shelter from a German artillery barrage.

## Honor Medal for Infantryman Who Gave Life to Save Others

WASHINGTON. — S/Sgt. Arthur F. DeFranzo, 24, of Saugus, Mass., of the 1st Infantry Division, who gave his life to clear a blazing path through concentrated enemy fire and in so doing spared the lives of scores of his comrades, has been awarded, posthumously, the Medal of Honor, the War Department announced Sunday.

The action was among the deadly hedgerows of France last June 10. Details gathered since reveal his act to be of selfless heroism and calculated sacrifice. In the words of his officers and comrades, "... he knew he would draw enough fire to kill off a battalion, but could save the lives of most of his company."

The slender Infantryman (his height was five feet, three inches and he weighed only 127 pounds) went to his heroic death in a wide and open field near Vaubadon, France, when German machine guns, concealed in the surrounding hedgerows, together with a large number of snipers, first halted, then pinned the members of the company to the ground.

### To Help Wounded Scout

Sgt. DeFranzo started out to help a wounded scout. Although severely wounded by machine guns and rifles, he reached the scout and carried

him back. Ignoring his own wounds, he again returned to the field and led an advance on the enemy's position.

The official citation, reciting that the Sergeant refused aid and was within 10 yards of the enemy when he fell, says:

"When his company came up behind him, Sgt. DeFranzo, despite his many severe wounds, suddenly raised himself and once more moved forward in the lead of his men until he was again hit by enemy fire. In a final gesture of indomitable courage, he threw several grenades at the enemy machine-gun position and completely destroyed the gun."

In this action Sgt. DeFranzo lost his life, but by bearing the brunt of the enemy fire in leading the attack, he prevented a delay in the assault which would have been of considerable benefit to the foe, and he made possible his company's advance with a minimum of casualties. The extraordinary heroism and magnificent devotion to duty displayed by Sgt. DeFranzo was a great inspiration to all about him, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces."

The presentation of the award will be made to the Sergeant's mother, Mrs. Grace DeFranzo, at a date to be announced later.

## German Offense

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Siegfried line in recent weeks. The situation is critical.

In Italy, Canadian forces smashed forward on a broad front to the Sevio river and captured Bagnacavallo. The Canadian forces form the upper jaw of a pincers threatening the main German force on the Lamone river salient. Some 13 desperate Nazi counter-attacks in nine hours to break out were thrown back.

### Budapest Encircled

Russian troops have completed the encirclement of Budapest and have carried the fighting into the suburbs of the Hungarian capital. Their front along the Hron river in Czechoslovakia, pointing toward Austria and Vienna, has been extended. Farther north they are clearing the Germans from the last sections of Hungary east of the Danube. Dispatches report a large-scale battle under way near Szekesfehervar, southwest of Budapest.

Moscow gives the Allies assurances that a great new winter push is coming shortly, probably from the north, where Red armies have been building up supplies for several weeks. Moscow also reports that an armistice with Hungary is likely to be signed shortly.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur reports that the Leyte-Samar campaign is closed, except for mopping up. The Yanks seized Palompon on Sunday and closed the last escape port on the northwest side of Leyte. MacArthur estimates the Japs killed at 112,700, and 493 captured, during the 67-day campaign on the island; 2748 Jap planes were destroyed and 27 warships and 41 transports sunk in the area during the two-month period. In Leyte the Japs have sustained the greatest defeat in the history of their army.

American bombers and fighters

attacked Clark Field near Manila destroying some 44 Jap planes.

In Kwanshi province, China, the Chinese are still battling the Japs at Hochih, strategic supply center. Maj. Gen. R. B. McLure, chief-of-staff for the China theater, announced that U. S. Air Forces would bomb every Jap-held supply port on the China mainland.

In Burma three Jap divisions have been forced back a considerable distance on the Myitkyina railroad, pressed to the south by British forces.

## Home Front

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nounced foods would become scarcer, demanding curtailment in menus.

Ships are so badly needed to take supplies overseas that U. S. imports from Latin America, not directly needed for war effort, will be cut down. This will affect coffee, sugar, liquors, wines and cheeses.

To get war industries all possible manpower, a ban has been placed on horse racing, effective Jan. 2, and there is strong possibility that other sports will be likewise affected.

Also in the offing in athletics is a reopening of many 4F cases that would bring some of the "cripples" of baseball, football, etc., into Uncle Sam's service folds.

"Hard Work and Sacrifices" will be anything but a play in 1945. It will be a real life drama in which all Americans must be actors.

### In Four Branches

CAMP GORDON JOHNSTON, Fla.—S/Sgt. Marion Knight, of the Cooks and Bakers' School, who has been in the Army 25½ years, has four sons serving in four branches of service—Coast Artillery, Marines, and Coast Guard.



—Signal Corps Photo

BATTLE-WEARY Nazi, among the last to surrender during the battle of Hurtgen Forest, which ended after several weeks of heavy fighting, was far from presenting a page out of 'Esquire.' He wore several overcoats many sizes too large for his small frame, and carried considerable equipment.

## Wants Fighting Son, Guerrilla Names Him After Gen. Bradley

WITH THE 96th INFANTRY DIVISION ON LEYTE, P. I.—Maj. Gen. James L. Bradley, commander of the 96th Division, acquired a namesake during the battle for Leyte.

The namesake is James Bradley Malate, new-born son of a Filipino guerrilla. He was ushered into his section of a war-battered world by Capt. William L. Wissman of Indianapolis, at a division clearing station.

The father, accepting congratulations from the GI attendants, announced with pride, "I want my boy named after an American soldier. I want him to grow up to be a fighting man."

Whereupon the medics named the child after the division's No. 1 fighting man, General Bradley.

## A Christmas Story

FORT BRAGG. — Although visitors are restricted at this military post, Santa Claus got in today without a pass and paid a personal visit on little Martha Jane Williams in Fort Bragg's station hospital.

With the aid of Military Police, Santa brought Martha a "jeep load" of dolls, toys, books, clothes and other gifts a three-year-old girl would want to find in her stocking. Martha's father, who formerly was stationed here, is now overseas fighting the enemy. Her mother

lives in Lakedale, N. C.

When members of Fort Bragg's Military Police Detachment heard that Martha's Santa Claus was overseas and could not give her a real Christmas, they all chipped in and bought \$40 worth of gifts. The largest man in the Detachment, Sgt. S. O. Vining, volunteered to play Santa. T/Sgt. Alvin J. Leslie, of Spartanburg, S. C., who is Sergeant Major of the unit, was custodian of the fund and selected the gifts.

ing for snow in the heat of the Ganges country near Calcutta, India. Some of them traveled from Cairo to Bethlehem to visit the celebrated birthplace there. Others attended mass at St. Peter's in Rome.

American girl Wacs will join in the New Year prayers of their friendly neighbors in England. Some played "Pere Noel" to war orphans in Paris. They have picked up camel-skin shoes in Casablanca, or stuffed kola bears in Australia, leis in Honolulu, chop sticks in Chungking and web-lace mantillas in the Philippines to send to their friends back at home. At Whitehorse in the Yukon Wacs will celebrate New Years at their base close to the fringe of old Santa's Arctic home.

Despite the holiday the Wacs will be busy. Switchboards must be maintained, teletype messages sent, offices operated on regular routines, supplies requisitioned and sent to the front. Yet the New Year holiday will be kept in mind and the thoughts of the traditional year-end holidays will help to keep alive the spirit which makes these American girls work for happier holidays to come.